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It's April. The start of the new school year
As of today I'll be in my second year
ZOOM IN
ALERT
Mutsuki Antenna
Extremely sensitive when Mutsuki is mentioned
I BOUGHT TWO COPIES OF MUTSUKI'S NEW CD THAT WAS RELEASED IN MARCH!
SO OBLIVIOUS! THOSE TWO ARE SO OBLIVIOUS! I HAVE TO HAVE ONE COPY FOR LISTENING, ONE FOR KEEPING, AND ONE TO CARRY AROUND!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT!
I BOUGHT TWO COPIES TOO. HAVING ONE JUST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ENOUGH!

Thank you readers who are reading Mobius Doumei.
This series was originally stared by "Cinderella Story".
However, after having been dropped, NOIR is finally
continuing the series starting at Chapter 06.
Although the series has been dropped for over 500 days,
we hope that previous readers as well
as new readers will enjoy our releases.
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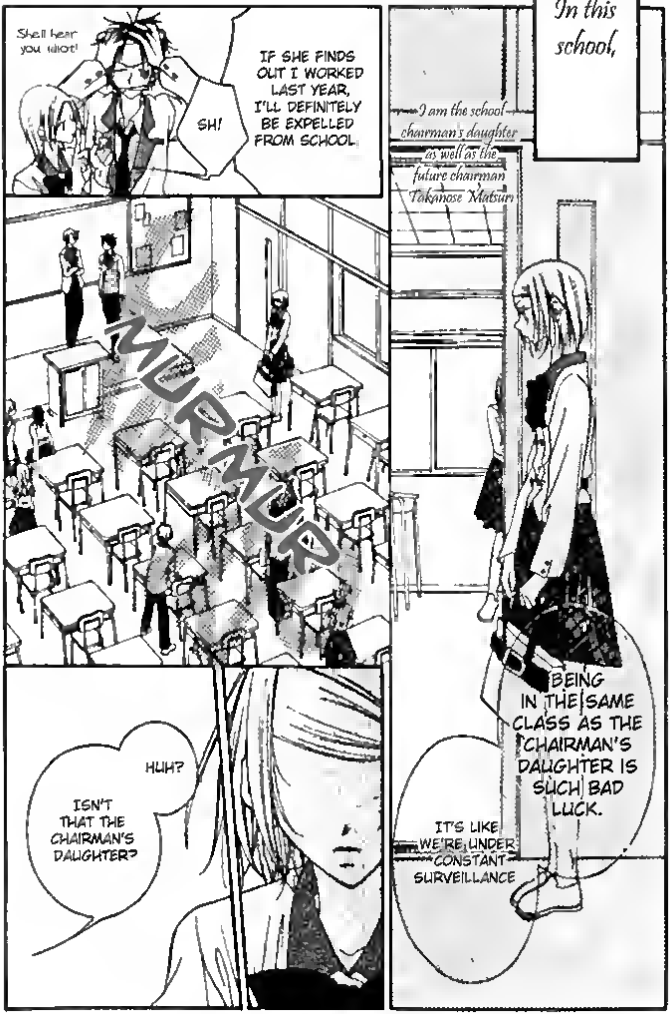
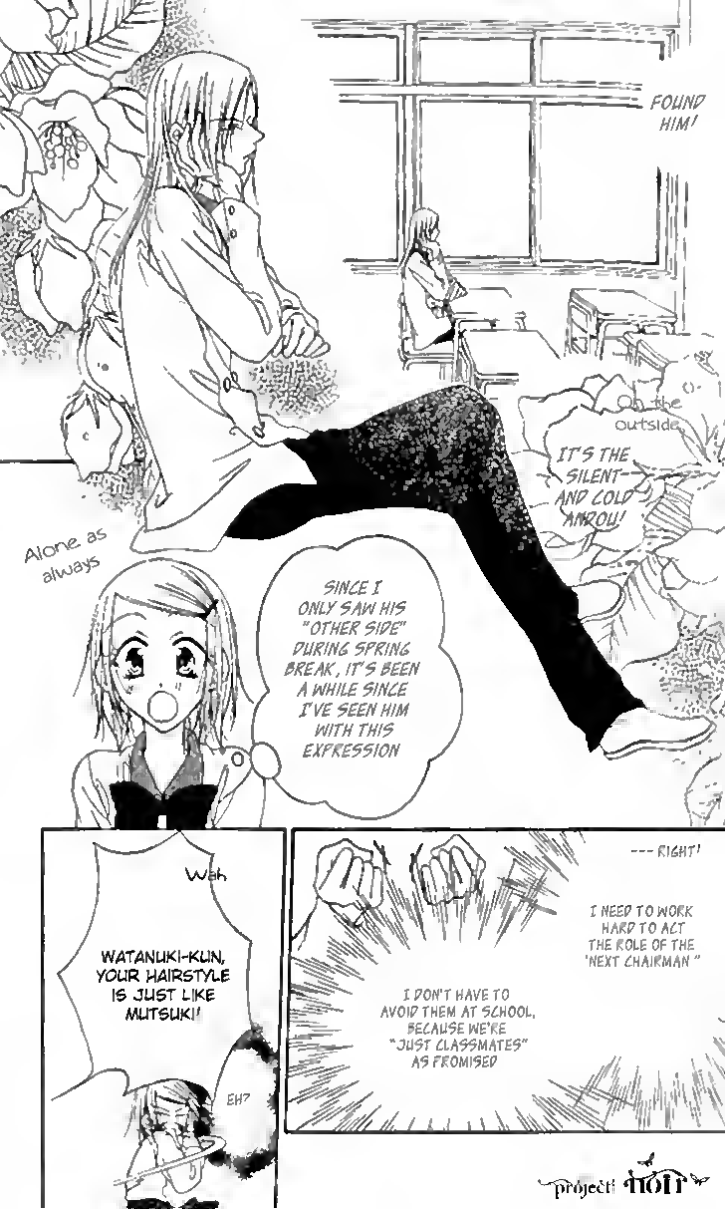
A SECRET.
Yeah!
BUT I CAN'T!
BECAUSE IT'S---
MOREOVER I HAVE A COPY THAT WILL NEVER BE SOLD IN ANY STORE.
Emphasis...
Are you serious?
AH, I KIND OF FEEL A BIT SUPERIOR
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ABOUT MUTSUKI'S SECRET
HEY THAT'S THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER, RIGHT?
SH! DON'T EVEN LOOK AT HER!
Let me listen---
Why would you have it?
Let me borrow it---
Incredible---
AHH
I REALLY WANT TO SAY IT OUT LOUD
2-F
She must never find out about Mutsuki or my camera
This kind of situation at school is because of my mother


In this school,
I am the school chairman's daughter as well as the future chairman Takanose Matsuri
BEING IN THE SAME CLASS AS THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER IS SUCH BAD LUCK.
IT'S LIKE WE'RE UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE
MURMUR
HUH?
ISN'T THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER?
She'll hear you idiot!
SH!
IF SHE FINDS OUT I WORKED LAST YEAR, I'LL DEFINITELY BE EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL

AH!
WATANUKI! NO WAY, WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS!
GOOD MORNING!
YO!
ACK!
SO RUDELY LIKE THAT!
YEAA- ARGH!
HOW DARE YOU ADDRESS THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER
WHACK
BA
NG!
DO YOU HAVE NO MANNERS-
THIS CLASS... HAS VERY TROUBLESOME PEOPLE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH
I THINK I KNOW WHAT MY MOM'S UP TO
AH!
YOU WON'T
SOR- RY!
YOU MUST SAY "GOOD MORNING"!
HAVE TO.
SOR RY!
WHY? THAT'S ANNOYING!
SOR- RY


FOUND HIM!
On the outside
IT'S THE SILENT— AND COLD AIKOU!
Alone as always
SINCE I ONLY SAW HIS "OTHER SIDE" DURING SPRING BREAK, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN HIM WITH THIS EXPRESSION
--- RIGHT!
I NEED TO WORK HARD TO ACT THE ROLE OF THE 'NEXT CHAIRMAN"
I DON'T HAVE TO AVOID THEM AT SCHOOL, BECAUSE WE'RE "JUST CLASSMATES" AS PROMISED
Wah
WATANUKI-KUN, YOUR HAIRSTYLE IS JUST LIKE MUTSUKI!
EH?
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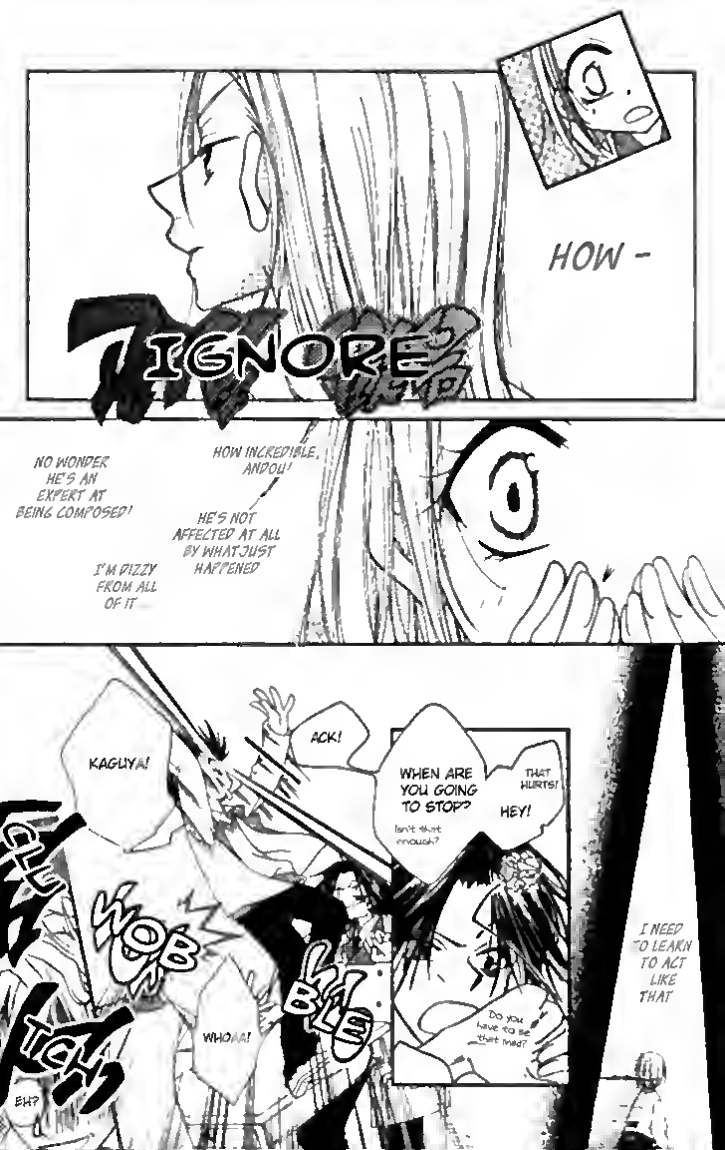
WATANUKI
WATANUKI
?!
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS DYE YOUR HAIR BLUE AND YOU COULD BE MUTSUKI!
IT LOOKS SO SIMILAR!
I dye my hair!
Actually
I AM HIM!
REALLY?
THEN PROVE IT
AND HE KEEPS ADDING ON MORE
WE JUST STARTED SCHOOL WHY'RE YOU DOING SUCH A RISKY THING?!

This is old news
ABSOLUTELY TONE DEAF
STAGGER
CHATTER
AHEM - LET ME GRANT YOUR WISH
Using shoe instead of microphone
EH? I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
THEN I WILL SING MY NEW SONG FROM LAST MONTH'S RELEASE!
OH MY GOD!
MUTSUKI'S SONG HE'S BUTCHERING IT TO THIS -- DEGREE!
BOO
BOO
NO WAY... MAYBE WITH THAT FACE, BUT WITH THAT VOICE, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I HEAR IT, IT'S STILL HARD TO BELIEVE
HEY!
GET OUT! YOU FAKE!
THE REAL SINGER BEH... MUTSUKI IS


HOW -
IGNORE
NO WONDER HE'S AN EXPERT AT BEING COMPOSED!
HOW INCREDIBLE, ANDOU!
HE'S NOT AFFECTED AT ALL BY WHAT JUST HAPPENED
I'M DIZZY FROM ALL OF IT...
KAGUYA!
ACK!
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO STOP?
isn't that enough?
THAT HURTS!
HEY!
KNOB
BLE
WHOA!
EH?
Do you have to be that kind?
I NEED TO LEARN TO ACT LIKE THAT

Uses strength
SAFE !
UWA!
AHH!
I'M FINE
OW!
THAT-- HURT!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
SORRY FOR FALLING ON YOU!
CHA-IR...
CHAIR-MAN'S DAUGHTER

YOUR FAULT---!
WHAT THE?
Sorry!
THAT PLEASE DON'T DO THAT!
Begging for mercy.
Sorry
Sorry
HOW COULD WE DO SUCH A THING-- AH! THIS IS ALL
AHEM---
I AM YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER.
MY NAME IS SHIIBA-SENSE!
I'D LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING BEFORE STARTING CLASS.
ALRIGHT, CLASS WILL BEGIN.
REGARDING THE SPORTS COMPETITION THIS WEEKEND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE
UNDERSTOOD---!
As older students
PLEASE ACT MORE LIKE SECOND YEARS.
Especially you three.
ROL
LING
What were you thinking?

TAKANOSE MATSURI AND ANDOU TAKEMASA.
I'LL LEAVE YOU TWO IN CHARGE.
THE BOTH OF YOU WILL ALSO BE THE HEAD OF THE CLASS' COMMITTEE MEMBERS
SINCE THE TWO OF YOU HOLD FIRST AND SECOND RANK IN GRADES YOU'LL BE EXCELLENT PARTNERS
IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU TWO TOOK FEEDBACK FROM YOUR CLASSMATES FOR THE TEAM!
THEN, TAKANOSE-SAN I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU!
O-OKAY!
I'M AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER!
NOW I HAVE AN EXCUSE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANDOU AT SCHOOL!
And I can talk to Watanuki too

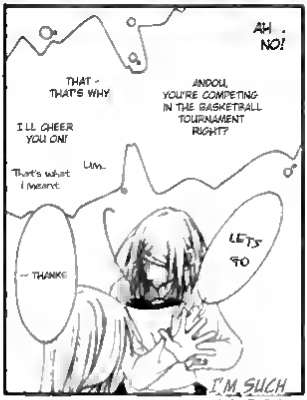
AH!
ANDOU.
THIS IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SPORTS COMPETITION
PLEASE LOOK AT THIS BEFORE THE COMPETITION, IF YOU DON'T MIND
OKAY
GRAB
AH

WE

JUST WHAT WAS I EXPECTING...?

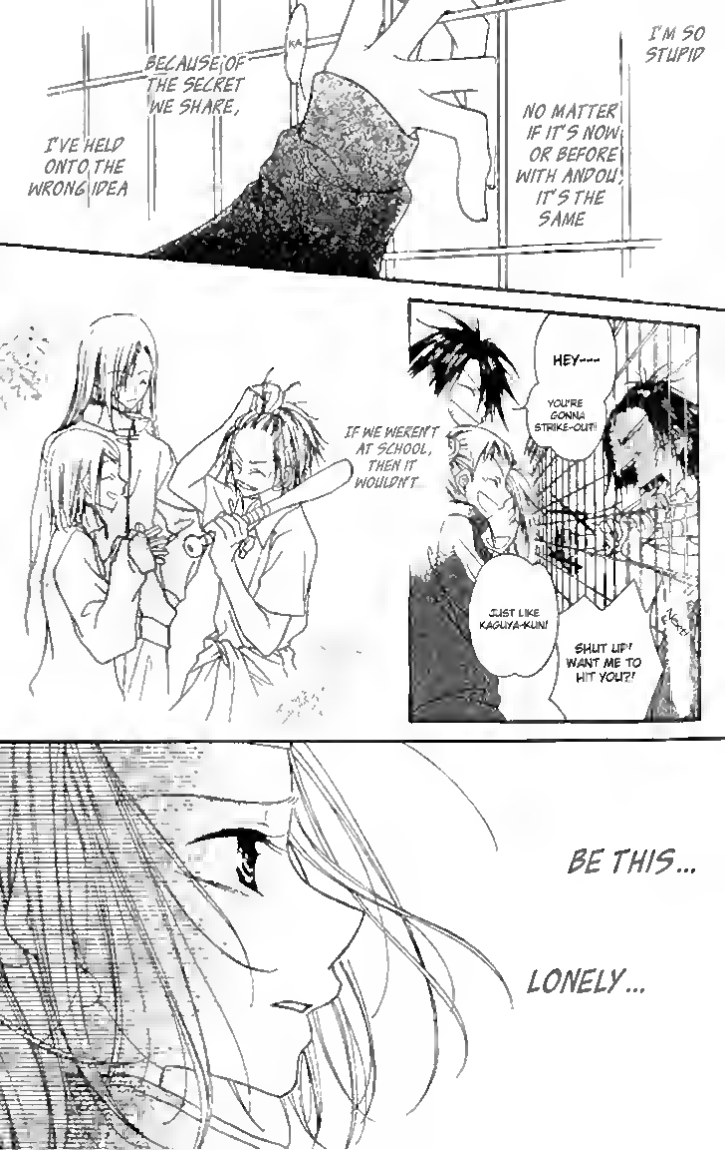
PEOPLE COULD WALK BY AND SEE US

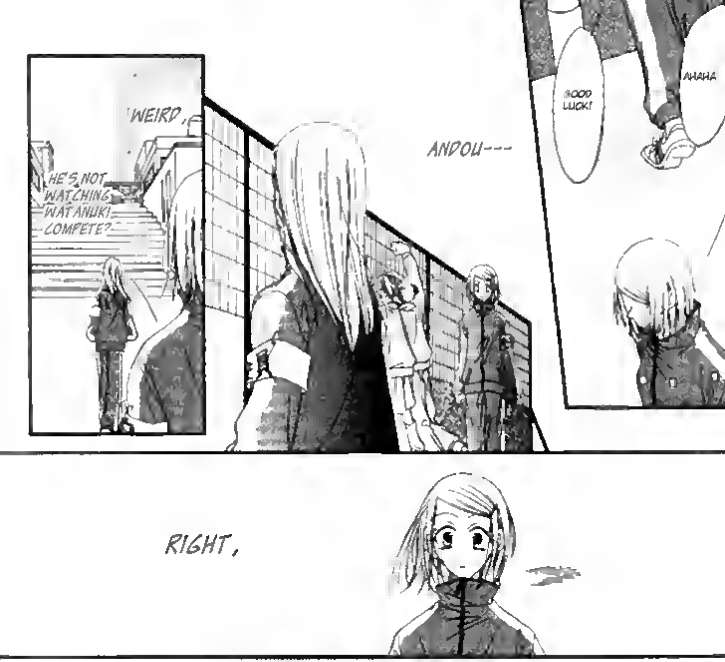
THIS IS SCHOOL.

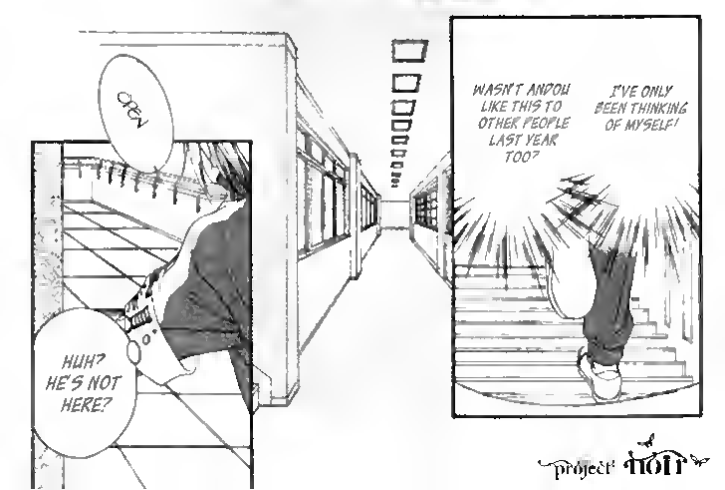


Victory
THE WEATHER'S GREAT!
THIS PLACE IS GREAT!
TODAY'S FORECAST IS, OF COURSE, VICTORY!
FIRED UP
ALREADY AGREED TO BE "JUST CLASSMATES"...
2-F BASEBALL TEAM, FIGHT HARD!
O-KAY!
GREAT—! WE'RE READY FOR OUR FIRST GAME!
YEAH—
WATANUKI
IS THE MOODMAKER FOR THE CLASS, AS USUAL
HE LOOK'S EXCITED
Committee
Signed up for volleyball, but is an alternate
Day of the competition

I GUESS---
I CAN GO CHEER FOR THEM?
Besides I'm part of the committee
KAGUYA-KUN, USE ALL YOUR STRENGTH!
COME ON!
DO YOUR BEST~
WOOH
CHEER
ME... ME TOO!
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST!
WAH! HE'S LOOKING THIS WAY!
THE FIRST BATTER
IS KAGUYA-SAMA!
YOU CAN'T HELP BUT LOVE ME!
BEEZE ~~
COME ON, IDIOT!
SO FUNNY!
AH


I'M SO STUPID
BECAUSE OF THE SECRET WE SHARE,
I'VE HELD ONTO THE WRONG IDEA
NO MATTER IF IT'S NOW OR BEFORE WITH ANDOU, IT'S THE SAME
IF WE WEREN'T AT SCHOOL, THEN IT WOULDN'T
HEY----
YOU'RE GONNA STRIKE-OUT!
JUST LIKE KAGUYA-KUN!
SHUT UP! WANT ME TO HIT YOU?!
BE THIS...
LONELY...


WEIRD,
HE'S NOT WATCHING WAT ANUKI COMPETE?
ANDOU---
GOOD LUCK!
AHAHA
RIGHT,


CREN
HUH? HE'S NOT HERE?
WASN'T ANDOU LIKE THIS TO OTHER PEOPLE LAST YEAR TOO?
I'VE ONLY BEEN THINKING OF MYSELF!

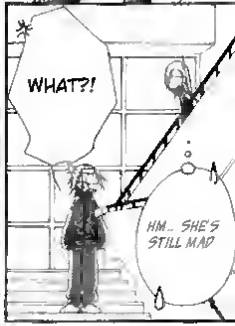
I'M RIGHT HERE.
WHAT?!
YOU KNEW I WAS FOLLOWING YOU?!
I WANTED YOU TO FOLLOW ME
YOUR EXPRESSION IS
REALLY EASY TO READ
STARTLE
HUH?
MY EXPRE-SSION?
What?
MY MOST BELOVED PRINCESS KAGUYA,
HUH? PRINCESS?
PLEASE, NO MATTER WHAT, GRACE ME WITH YOUR SMILE JUST ONCE.
EH?
IF YOU DON'T, THE LOVE THAT CONSUMES MY HEART
THAT.
AND/OR?
WILL BE CONTORTED WITH PAIN.
YOU...

WAH!
WAH!
No way!
I WAS THINKING THAT KEEPING SECRETS ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST THING TO DO
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
AM I RIGHT?
There's absolutely no way!
I THOUGHT WE WERE ONLY CONNECTED BY THAT SECRET AND
BACK THEN, I COULDN'T IMAGINE DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
HM.
WHAT?
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER, YOU ARE SO CHILDISH.
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO THE FIELD!
SLAM!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! WHY?! WHERE AM I CHILDISH?!
RIGHT NOW, AREN'T YOU GETTING MAD OVER A FEW WORDS?
!?
Isn't that a good enough answer?

OVER SUCH A LITTLE MATTER.
RIGHT NOW,
AREN'T I BEING JUST AS IMMATURE?
WHICH ONE OF US IS ACTUALLY...
THE CHILDISH ONE...
INSENSITIVE ANDOU!
AND I THOUGHT HE WAS WORRIED!
INSENSITIVE ANDOU!
INSENSITIVE ANDOU!

SECRET THIS AND SECRET THAT,
DON'T GET WORRIED ABOUT IT.
KNOW THAT EVEN IF WE'RE LIKE THIS AT SCHOOL,
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US ISN'T THAT WEAK

CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER!


WHAT?!
HM.. SHE'S STILL MAD

KAGUYA'S THE SAME.
REALLY?
WAAAAAAAH! I'M ALL WET!
DON'T SPRAY IT THIS WAY, KAGUYA-KUN!
PLAYING WITH WATER ?
THEY LOOK SO HAPPY. DID THEY WIN THE COMPETITION?
It's still April
WAA--
HAHA--- --- KEEP RUNNING!
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WON THE COMPETITION
FINE--!
SPLASH!
THE NEXT TARGET OF WATANUKI, THE ALL-POWERFUL---
WILL BE---- YOU!
EEK!
KYAAA!
WAH!

Eh?
What're you all yelling for?
You bastard!!
You - you - you - you - look at what you've done!
Ah
Ah
Ah
Ah
Apologize!
Beg for forgiveness
Ohh.
The chairman's daughter was sprayed?
Shocked speechless
SOAKED
Those who were screaming

WHO TOLD HER, ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, TO DISAPPEAR SO SUDDENLY.
HE NOTICED?!
THAT'S NO GOOD, IS IT?
Eh? This is... Wak
Again! Again!
Ah!

WE...
WE...
Dog
BUT WHO KNEW THIS GUY WOULD BE SO HORRIBLE!
MERELY WISH TO HAVE A CAREFREE AND HAPPY HIGH SCHOOL LIFE.
WHY DID WE COME TO SCHOOL?!
CRASH
THESE TWO SEEM TO BE SUFFERING THE MOST...
GOD, PLEASE HELP US!

YOU DONE YET--?!
Let us spoil your head--
Spray!

SEE?
OI!
LOOK, LOOK!
AND SHE STILL HASN'T EVEN LOOKED AT US
UNHAPPY
We are EXTRAVERT
SHE'S CACKLING!
WHAT?
WHAT CAN WE DO? THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER IS SO ENRAGED.
I'M SO DUMB!

A RAINBOW!
RAINBOW!
AH -
NICE ~
BEA-UTIF-UL----
HEY!
WHERE'D YOU HIT IT?
IT'S DEFINITELY OUT OF BOUNDS!

WATANUKI!

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Congrats on the
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Yiji Hua
Sorry
Quick!

WOW! THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF TAKING THEIR CLASS' PICTURES DID A GREAT JOB!
EVERYONE LOOKS GREAT!
SENSEI, REEEE-ALLY?
EH?
WHY DO THE STUDENTS IN CLASS 2 HAVE SUCH STIFF EXPRES-SIONS?
WHO TOOK THESE PICTURES?
PAUW!

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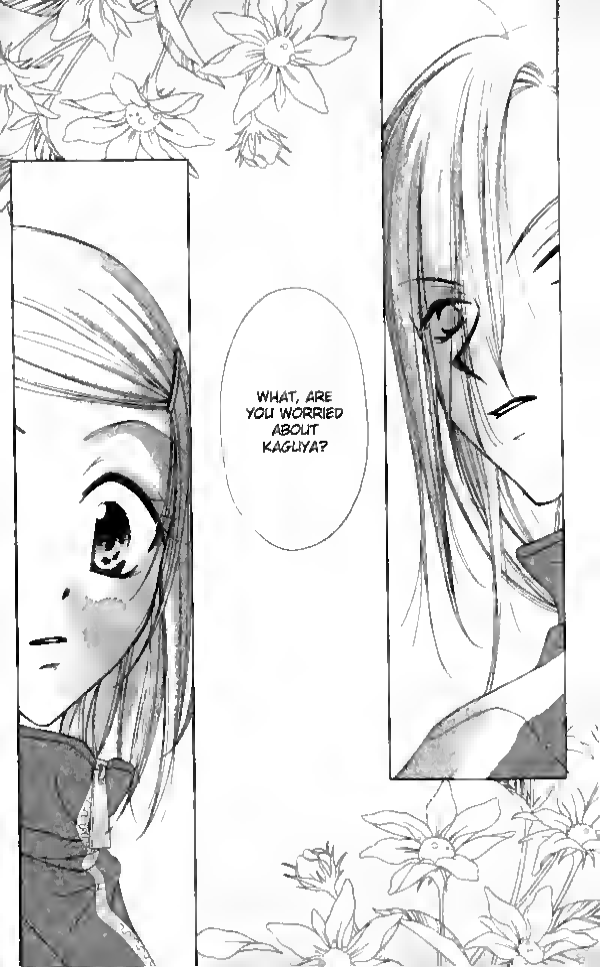
Pain.
Pain.
A DREAM
...
WHERE

?
YOU HAVE A HEAD INJURY!
OW! IS IT MY CHEST? SOMETHING HURTS.....
IS IT MY HEAD?
WAIST?
SHOULDER?
?
GAH!
Pain
WHERE AM I? WAT A...
gets up

YOU BLOCKED THE BALL FOR KAGUYA,
AND FAINTED AFTER BEING HIT.
THE TEACHERS WERE TOO BUSY TO TAKE YOU TO THE HEALTH ROOM,
AND THE HEALTH ROOM TEACHER IS OUT GETTING TREATMENT FOR YOUR INJURY!
DO YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
REEX
CHAIR-MAN'S DAUGH TER...

WAH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE OUR FACES HAVE BEEN THIS CLOSE ----
EEEEEK
YOU - YOU - YOU'RE..
ANDOU -
TAKEMASA, RIGHT?!
OF - OF COURSE I RECOGNIZE YOU!
Why'd you ask?
You scared me to death!
BACKS OFF
SFX GRAB
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER.
YOU WANT TO HIT YOUR HEAD AGAIN?
SOR SORRY.
NEARLY FELL OFF.

SINCE YOUR MEMORY SEEMS TO BE OKAY, I THINK YOU SHOULD BE FINE
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T COMPETE.
Even though you're only an alternate anyway
LOOKING BACK, THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER'S HEAD IS REALLY AS HARD AS A ROCK!
THAT'S... THAT'S WHAT I THINK TOO...
Ah!
THAT'S RIGHT, WHERE'S WATANUKI?


WHAT, ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT KAGUYA?

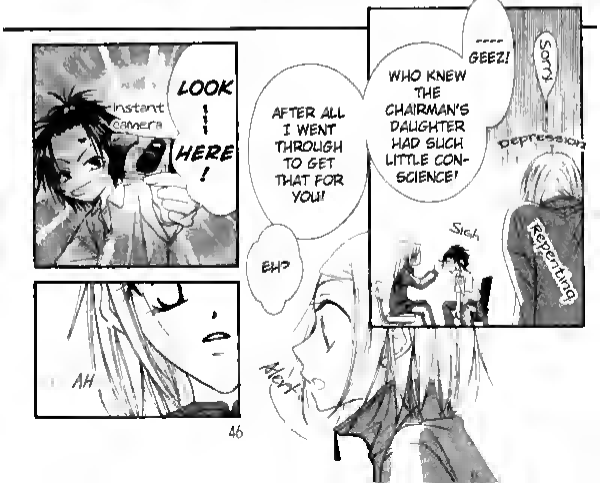
WHAT

AREN'T WE?
UM, RIGHT?
Suddenly realizes something's wrong.
BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS ...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! OF COURSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT HIM! DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK?!

SORRY, I ASKED A WEIRD QUESTION.
It's okay. You don't have to worry. Of course we're friends
ABOUT KAGUYA, BECAUSE YOU BLOCKED THE BALL FOR HIM,
HE'S UNINJURED
HE SAID HE'D WAIT UNTIL YOU WOKE UP,
SO HE COULD APOLOGIZE TO YOU IMMEDIATELY.
SFX: RUSTLING.
The 2 friends.
I can guess how it ends..
It's.. It's like that
THEY DRAGGED HIM OFF ANGRILY.
BECAUSE THOSE TWO FRIENDS OF HIS WERE HORRIFIED AT WHAT HAPPENED.
?
SFX: DON

Shake
Shake
Shake
KAGUYA!
WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE THAT?
SEEMS LIKE THOSE GUYS REALLY DIDN'T HOLD BACK!
I NEED MEDICINE ---
KAGUYA?
Yeesh!
You were beaten up again?
Ah, That's Watanuki?
Ghost!
Scared speechless
--- HUH ?
Realize
WHY, I...
WHY ?
Phew
SFX GRAB
SFX RUSTLE
WAIT A SECOND!
Oi!

One screaming fit later.



WE'RE LEAVING THEN!
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER,
SFX: RATTLE
Run
Run
Run
Run
Run
JUST LIKE MY DREAM

...
Sigh...
Ah, me too
Oh, crap! I have to concentrate!
IT'LL BE BORING SINCE YOU CAN'T COMPETE IN THE COMPETITION, RIGHT?
Take it
YOU MIGHT AS WELL TAKE PICTURES OF US BRAVE STUDENTS.
The teacher says it's alright
BUT IT WAS TAKEMASA'S IDEA!
THOUGH IT'S ONLY AN INSTANT CAMERA,
NOW YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO GO AROUND SCHOOL AND TAKE PICTURES FREELY!
This is a rare opportunity

BUT,
IF I COULD, I DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE CAMERA INTO THE SCHOOL ----
I LOVE TAKING PICTURES.
I REALLY, REALLY LOVE IT.
MATSURI?
I HEARD YOU WERE HIT BY A BALL?
MOM!
Should you be walking around now?
YEAH! BUT DON'T WORRY, I'M ALREADY FINE!

WHAT'S THAT?
AH...
THIS IS FOR.
WHAT'S - WHAT'S SHE TRYING TO DO?!
SFX: EEEEEK
NO, I DON'T REMEMBER!
Really?
WHO AIMED THE BALL AT YOU?
WHAT'S THE NAME AND CLASS OF THE STUDENT WHO DID IT?
--- I SEE.

THE TEACHER TOLD ME TO TAKE PICTURES OF THE STUDENTS
BECAUSE I'M NOT COMPETING.
"IF YOU DO THAT, THEN YOU SHOULD BE STUDYING!"
---- SHE'D SAY EXACTLY THAT!
RIGHT! IF IT'S MOM, SHE'D DEFINITELY SAY

Step
Step
Step
EH?
Clearcut reply
GIVES CONSENT.
I SEE, THEN YOU'D BETTER DO IT
Since you've already hit your head, it's not as if she could tell you to go study.

SINCE EVEN MOM SAYS TO, I CAN'T NOT TAKE ANY...
Sigh...
Clutch
SCARY

SHE SAW ME!
SPIKE
PUNCH
BAM
POW
OK

AT THAT TIME,
BECAUSE THE TAKANOSE FAMILY NAME ISOLATED ME FROM THE OTHERS,
WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY...
THERE WAS A CLASS TRIP...
IT WAS ALSO LIKE TODAY, WHERE I WAS IN CHARGE OF TAKING PICTURES...
THROUGH THE CAMERA LENSE, I SAW ONLY
"Then I'll leave the responsibility of taking pictures to Class 2's Takanose-san!"
THE FORCED, RELUCTANT SMILES OF MY CLASSMATES
SINCE THEN, IT'S BEEN A SIGHT I'VE LEAST WANTED TO SEE
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SINCE THEN, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID OF POINTING THE CAMERA...
AT PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHO I AM
Snap!
Snap!
Snap!
Snap!

SINCE I ONLY NEED TO TAKE PICTURE OF THE STUDENTS, IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT EVEN IF THEY DON'T LOOK AT THE LENSE, RIGHT...?
WHAT NOW? THERE'S SO MANY
24 LEFT

SURPRISE
ST. DAIGA
WHAT, WHAT'S ANDOU DOING HERE?
EH?
NO. WHY DID HE SUDDENLY DECIDE TO TURN THIS WAY--
HAS HE REALIZED THAT I'VE BEEN AVOIDING EYE CONTACT?
CHAIR-MAN'S DAUGH TER?

RUN
RUN
RUN
HAS --- HAS HE FIGURED IT OUT?
IF THEY KNEW I WAS UNGRATEFUL TO THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS, IT'D HURT THEIR FEELINGS, RIGHT ..?
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER----!!
OI OI!
SFX SLIDE
BUT!
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER! DON'T RUN!
WHAT?, EVEN WATANUKI'S FIGURED IT OUT----?
HUH?
SFX RUN
TAKU TAKU
SFX DASH
HIS DETERMINATION,
IS REALLY FRIGHTENING!
EEH
EEH
SFX GLARE
Eeeeeek
Stop! Hey~~

I've got you!
Ch 06

HONESTLY!
SFX: BAM!
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AROUND WITH AN INJURY? ARE YOU STUPID?!
Hasn't realized = AT ALL!
OH YEAH, WHY WERE YOU RUNNING SO FAST?
Hm?
WHO TOLD YOU TO CHASE HER WITH THAT SCARY FACE?
PUSH! HUSH!
OH SO HE WAS WORRIED?
already forgotten
HUH? HUSH!
HUH?

TAKEMASA?
WHAT, WEREN'T YOU FOLLOWING ME TOO?
UNLIKE YOU, I DIDN'T LOOK LIKE SOME DEMON.
BESIDES, MY REASON FOR FOLLOWING HER IS DIFFERENT FROM YOURS.
Though I'm worried about her too

SO ANDOU REALLY DID REALIZE

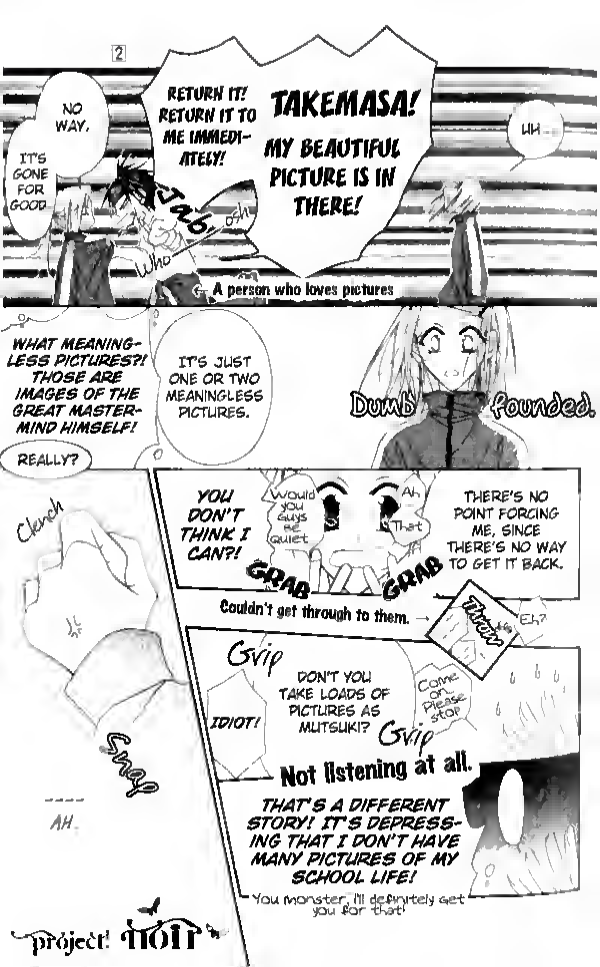
ACTUALLY
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER,
YOU WERE AVOIDING EVERYONE'S EYE CONTACT TODAY, WEREN'T YOU?
You don't look very happy
What?

I'm really sorry.
SO IT'S LIKE THAT ...
AND IT EVEN MADE YOU GUYS WORRY.
CHAIR-MAN'S DAUGHTER.
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER.

COME ON!
...
HUH?
WITH THIS,
YOU'VE OVERCOME YOUR PSY-CHOLOGICAL TRAUMA!
AH?
SNAP
?!
EH?
WHAT WAS THAT "HUH" FOR?! TAKE A PICTURE!
Hurry up!
AWESOME!
UH, RIGHT!
WHA WHAT?

HE WHAT HE DID WAS TOO MUCH, LIKE HE WAS LEADING ME ALONG WITHOUT ME REALIZING!
EH?
THAT'S
DIDN'T YOU AIM THE CAMERA AT ME?
AND AREN'T I A CLASSMATE WHO KNOWS WHO YOU ARE?
OH? THAT'S RIGHT,
IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE!
Ah ha ha ha
IT'S JUST LIKE KAGUYA'S STYLE!
Even Even Ansou is.
AND ALSO,
AREN'T YOU OVERCOMPLI-CATING THIS MATTER?
?!
GRAB
EH?

Fu...
Breeze...
It's gone pretty far—
AND WITH THIS, YOUR PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA HAS DISAPPEARED ---!
YOU -
My My camera!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!


NO WAY.
IT'S GONE FOR GOOD.
RETURN IT! RETURN IT TO ME IMMEDIATELY!
TAKEMASA!
MY BEAUTIFUL PICTURE IS IN THERE!
UH...
GRAB
OOH
WHO
A person who loves pictures
WHAT MEANINGLESS PICTURES?! THOSE ARE IMAGES OF THE GREAT MASTERMIND HIMSELF!
IT'S JUST ONE OR TWO MEANINGLESS PICTURES.
Dumbfounded.
REALLY?
YOU DON'T THINK I CAN?!
Would you guys be quiet
AH
That
THERE'S NO POINT FORCING ME, SINCE THERE'S NO WAY TO GET IT BACK.
GRAB
GRAB
Couldn't get through to them.
Throw
EH?
Clench
Snap
AH.
Gyip
IDIOT!
DON'T YOU TAKE LOADS OF PICTURES AS MUTSUKI?
Gyip
Come on Please stop
Not listening at all.
THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY! IT'S DEPRESSING THAT I DON'T HAVE MANY PICTURES OF MY SCHOOL LIFE!
You monster, I'll definitely get you for that!

REALLY
STOP
Are you guys done yet?!
You're acting like a bunch of kids!
JUST BY BEING WITH THESE TWO...
SHOCKED

WITHOUT REALIZING, I BECOME EXTREMELY WORRIED!
Clutch
SEEING THEM LIKE THIS,
I'LL TAKE THEM!
NO MATTER HOW MANY, I'LL TAKE THEM ALL!
IT'S JUST TAKING A PICTURE!
I KNOW ALREADY!

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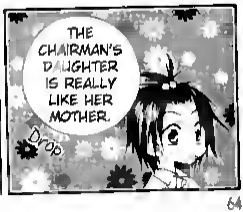
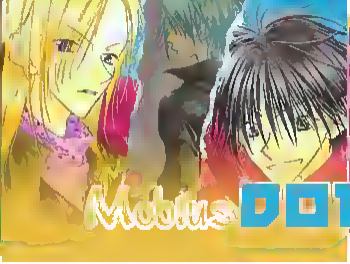


THEY'RE REALLY TROUBLESOME ---
Thank you for participating ---
IN CONCLUSION WITH THE COMPETITION, THE WINNERS ARE YEAR 2 CLASS F!
Pee
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER!
AH
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY.
THANKS --
TAKE OUR PICTURE! HURRY!
We--
We don't want to!
It's too embarrassing.
So what?
HEY, HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD?
WHAT?
SEEMS THAT THIS YEAR'S NEW STUDENT ---

EH?
IS MUTSUKI'S GIRLFRIEND!
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
FUMBLE
Phew--
Grab
Bed.
AH, LOOK!
THAT'S PROBABLY HER!
THE GIRL WITH THE SHORT HAIR!



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EH?
SOMEONE IS MITSUKI'S GIRLFRIEND!
IS THAT TRUE?
Caught it
PHEW
SEE THAT!
Ah
Ah
Ah
Aiiii
THAT SHOULD BE HER!
THE SHORT-HAIRED GIRL!

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秘密同盟
第8話

"Rumours say that Mutsuki has a girlfriend!"

That girl was very cute

She must be

Mutsuki's girlfriend --

And now, she has the sole monopolization of Mutsuki's

Smile,

Voice,

And she is the girl who will be by his side

Huh?
Wait a second!
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SO GREAT, I'M SO ENVIOUS!
I want to hit something, but I don't want to break my tv screen!
HOW CAN THIS BE?!
Mutsuki's girlfriend?!
What's going on?
So humiliating
So-
I'M HOPE-LESS
IF IT'S LIKE THAT, THEN COULD SHE BE A "SELF-DECLARED GIRLFRIEND"?
THOSE ARE PRETTY COMMON!
ANYWAY, RUMOURS CAN'T BE TRUSTED!
AT THIS TIME, I...

Also suddenly realized that one day,
How nice it'd be to claim to be Mutsuki's girlfreind too.
OGIMURA'S OFFICE
BALLAD!
POP SONG!
POP SONG!
BALLAD!
POP SONG!
BALLAD!
WHY NOT? THE TWO WE'VE ALREADY RELEASED HAVE BEEN BALLADS, SO SHOULDN'T WE CHANGE IT UP WITH SONGS THAT HAVE FASTER RHYTHMS?
I'VE ALREADY COME UP WITH MOST OF THE MUSIC, SO WE'LL RELEASE POP SONGS AFTERWARDS!

SHUT THE HELL UP!
YOU GUYS NEVER STOP!
NO WAY! I LIKE POP MUSIC!
I WANT...
BANG
Whoosh
Dodge
AH!
EVEN WHEN I WAS NEXT DOOR, ALL I COULD HEAR WAS YOU TWO SCREAMING...
"POP SONG, BALLAD, POP SONG, BALLAD" NON-STOP!
LIKE LITTLE BRATS BICKERING!
Aura
Menacing
Koga Hotsuki:
Mutsuki's only makeup artist & modelling teacher.
DO IT AGAIN, AND I'LL SMOTHER YOUR LIPS WITH HONEY!
SOR...SORRY!
AH, HOTSUKI-SAN!
BY THE WAY, HOW IS THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER DOING?
Don't be too surprised!
This is all because of my skillful-ness!
AH, RIGHT ON TIME!
MATSURI, COME IN!
ENTER

WHOa!
A NEW PERSON!
ISN'T IT?
THE OUTFIT'S CHANGED AND THE FEELING'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT
BIUsh
I-I KNOW I DON'T LOOK VERY GOOD IN THIS
Gah,
Ack!
AH...
YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE TO KEEP STARING AT ME..
BUT THE PERSONALITY'S EXACTLY THE SAME
YEAH
I SHOULD GO CHANGE!
I'm not used to being stared at!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN WORN IT FOR THAT LONG!
DON'T BE LIKE THAT
DON'T BE LIKE THAT,
FOF'S OUT
FOF'S OUT
THERE IT IS!

SINCE YOU'RE RARELY DRESSED LIKE THIS, THEN YOU SHOULD GO OUT AND GO SHOPPING!
PUSH
EH?
I'm being displayed
I think Watanuki's enjoying himself.
Voosh
Sigh
EXCUSE ME
Ah...
ARE YOU ONE OF MITSUKI'S STAFF?
I WANT TO SEE MITSUKI!
A Crazy Fan!
I CLEARLY SAW YOU COME DOWN THE ELEVATOR FROM THE FOURTH FLOOR!
DON'T LIE!
Pursue
Pursue
UM...
I'M NOT ONE OF HIS STAFF
DON'T I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE HIM?
I AM MITSUKI'S GIRLFRIEND!
BECAUSE...
PLEASE LET ME SEE MITSUKI!
Eh?

Another girlfriend?
If it's a coincidence, it's rather convenient huh?
AH! YOUR EX-PRESS SION!
YOU SUSPECT ME?!
I'M NOT LYING! I BROUGHT A PHOTO FOR PROOF!
LOOK!
Someone's pretending to be Mutsuki!
THIS IS...
MU...?
It couldn't be? That's not Mutsuki!
Who is that?
HEY WHERE'S MUTSUKI?
A fake Mutsuki...
Should I report this to the staff?
Then, the only conclusion that can be drawn is...
Besides, Watanuki would never do something so low
No way it can't be! But this girl claims this is Mutsuki!
Could... Could this be Watanuki when he's changed?

Ogimura's Office
In any case, I should go make sure they're okay
OPEN
I'M BACK--- OGIMURA -SAN~
WAH!
EVIL AURA~
What...
What the? What's with this stiff and forboding atmosphere---?
It's obvious where this ominous air comes from...

I REALLY DON'T KNOW!
IT'S NOT ME!
REALLY ?
Ogimura Yuuki
Mutsuki's manager
EH? YOU'RE BACK?
HAS... HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?
IT SEEMS THAT A LOT OF GIRLS HAVE BEEN CALLING THE OFFICE RECENTLY...
SO KAGUYA'S THE PRIME SUSPECT.
SNEAK
SNEAK
The fake Mutsuki!
OGIMURA-SAN, I HAVE SOMETHING TO—
WHO ARE YOU?
AH, I AM MATS -URI
WHAT?
MATSURI?
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This is something they've worked blood, sweat and tears to establish!
AN IMPOSTER ---?
USING MUTSUKI'S NAME TO PICK UP GIRLS?
THAT MUST MEAN WE'RE REALLY FAMOUS!
KAGUYA,
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM!
Sigh~
I MUST FIND EVIDENCE OF MUTSUKI'S IMPOSTER!
AND MAKE THEM STOP DOING THIS!
Mutsuki is the person I love the most!
AH, RIGHT!
8am
SPEAKING OF WHICH,
WE CAN'T LET THIS MATTER GO UNSOLVED,SINCE IT'LL ONLY HURT MUTSUKI'S IMAGE
THEN THEN WHAT CAN WE DO?
YOU'RE RIGHT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE HOW TROUBLESOME!
UHHH
I KNOW!
"Our dream is to use the strengths of two people to reach the top."
Most importantly It's also the dream Andou and Watanuki have been chasing all this time!
GUTS。

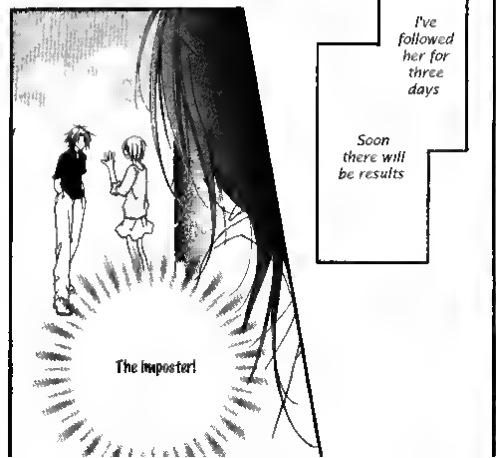
My first target,
The rumoured girlfriend from before
is Class 1-C's Hirokawa Mei
INVESTIGATE!
Investigation List
SNEAK~
Though she might only be a self declared girlfriend, but she might also be the most recent one who saw the fake Mutsuki.
Follow~~

Thus, I began my investigation of the Mutsuki imposter

Ogimura san's only condition,

was that I do not put myself in danger.

Currently, Mutsuki's most important job is to record their newest song.



---Okay!
I'll follow them in order to gather data and proof!
STEP
Hirokawa-san, you're being tricked! Tricked!
LET'S GO!
If he's like that, it's no wonder people think he's the real Mutsuki!
He's so handsome
Wah.. Wah..
The imposter..!
He's also got blue hair!
Walking
SNEAK
In a boutique
SNEAK
In a restaurant
SNEAK
SURPRISE
!!
YOU?
FOR THE ENTIRE DAY, TODAY, YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME, HAVEN'T YOU?
Ah!
BYE!
I've gotta chase him!
MOVE
They've parted!
This could be a good opportunity to expose his facade!

He's already figured it out...
What?
YOU...
YOU'RE CRAZY ABOUT MUTSUKI, RIGHT?
EH?
YOU'RE SO SHY! IF YOU HAD KINDLY CALLED ME, I WOULD'VE HAPPILY GONE OUT WITH YOU!
NO PROBLEM, NO PROBLEM, LET'S MAKE A DATE!
WHAT?
THIS... THIS PERSON IS SO... ARROGANT...
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
MARI?
I'M "MARI".
HMM, WHAT A CUTE NAME!
Frankly
This could be the gods dangling a golden opportunity for me!
THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE!
"Then let's meet next Sunday at 11AM in front of the bus station"
But... This is going way too smoothly
It's making me a bit scared...
I just hope the situation doesn't turn back on me later

AN ANDOU
Right I can confide this matter with them!
WHAT'S GOING ON CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER?
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED? YOU DON'T SEEM VERY ENERGETIC
HERE, COFFEE.
TAP
EH?
Do not put yourself in danger
HMM?
THERE'S
HEY TAKEMASA!
OGIMURA-SAN NEEDS TO DISCUSS SOMETHING WITH YOU
GOT IT, I'M COMING NOW.
AH...
SORRY WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL ME?

It's not something I need to say
THAT... I FORGOT THAT I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO,
SO I HAVE TO GO BACK FIRST.
ALRIGHT,
SORRY, I CAN'T TAKE YOU HOME.
BE CAREFUL, THEN.
YUP
For them, the new song they're working on is more important right now...
Besides it's not anything dangerous so I can deal with this on my own!
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER!
TAKEMASA, WHAT'S WRONG...?

EH?
DID I FORGET SOMETHING?
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER,
WATANUKI!
WHAT'S WRONG?
HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU?
EH?
Watanuki is so perceptive!
INCREDIBLE!
YOU
WHY DO YOU ASK?
IT WAS TAKEMASA WHO TOLD ME.
Oh. So it's like that!
No wonder.
SO YOU'RE MAKING SURE WHETHER OR NOT SOMETHING WAS WRONG?
IT DOESN'T MATTER!

I'M NOT AS ATTENTIVE AS TAKEMASA, WHERE HE CAN TELL THERE'S A PROBLEM EVEN IF YOU DON'T SAY ANYTHING
SO IF SOMETHING'S HAPPENED, JUST TELL ME!
IF YOU DON'T TELL ME, I WON'T KNOW

I won't let them worry about it!

Just by me changing a little,

Andou will see,

And Watanuki will ask me face-to-face.

But what I'm doing for them...

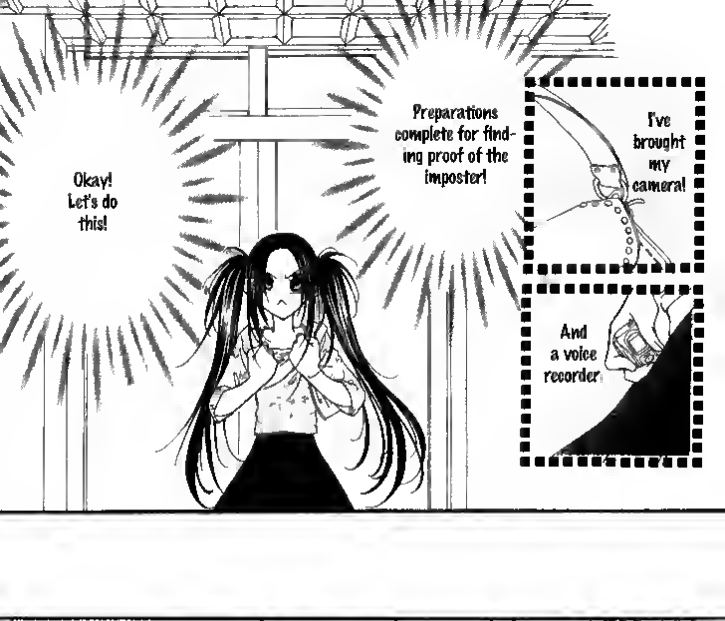
I have to protect Mutsuki!

THANKS FOR WORRYING,

BUT I'M FINE!

Really?

Really?


Okay! Let's do this!
Preparations complete for finding proof of the imposter!
I've brought my camera!
And a voice recorder.

It's all so that people nearby will know that he's Mutsuki!
He's late, and he's calling and waving at me from so far away!
Definitely on purpose!
THE RECORDING WENT OVERTIME!
SORRY FOR BEING LATE!
MARI~~!
AH! FOUND YOU!
LOUDLY
Poor!
CHATTER
CHATTER
It's Mutsuki?
MUTSUKI?
No way!
Oh my goshness! It's Mutsuki?

Not even wearing a hat, wants to purposely emphasize Mutsuki's signature blue hair.
Wearing a pair of stylish sunglasses.
His attire is so eye-catching...
Has even left three buttons undone.
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO SHY?
LET - LET GO OF ME----!
Yeah right!
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO DAZZLE EVERYONE!
ACK!
GRAB
No problem!
UM— MUTSUKI, CAN WE TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOU?
AH, OF COURSE YOU CAN!
Kya—
Kya—
Chu—
If this goes on, I won't be able to take it!
Walk
Walk
Kyaaaa!

Even though this person is the fake Mutsuki, he doesn't sing that badly! However, he's not even close to Mutsuki!
But what is he missing?
Perhaps he's not as eye-catching as the original?
As it should be..
I'll look for the evidence and then get out of here quickly!
That's What I've Decided!
Whose song is he singing?
But.
La! La La La
Lo Lo
Oh oh yeah!
There's no way he could ever compare to the real Mutsuki!
Ah.. There's an album by Mutsuki in here!
SING "BLUE DEPRESSION"!
EH, "BLUE DEPRESSION"?
WHAT SONG IS THAT?
Singing again
MARI, WHAT SONG DO YOU WANT TO HEAR?
I'll take any request!

In fact, this person....
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I REMEMBER IT MUST'VE SLIPPED MY MIND FOR A SECOND!
Ah, right!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE SONG FROM YOUR OWN ALBUM?
Even after using Mutsuki's name and tricking everyone, doesn't know anything about the original—...
AH, MUTSUKI.
WHERE DID YOU SHOOT YOUR LATEST MV?
Tell me, please?
EH?
AH, THAT— —I SHOT IT OVER THERE?
Um...
IN HAWAII!
HAWAII!
There's no mistake!
LET ME TELL YOU— SHOOTING OVER THERE WAS SO HOT, I ALMOST...
YOU SHOT IT IN OKINAWA!
EH?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A MUTSUKI IMPOSTER, SHOULDN'T YOU AT LEAST DO SOME RE-SEARCH?

Shock
YOU...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Show
I AM HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'VE ALREADY RECORDED EVERYTHING!
AND I CAN PROVE THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW, IF YOU REALLY WERE THE ORIGINAL!
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO PUBLICIZE THIS,
THEN PLEASE STOP USING MUTSUKI'S NAME TO TRICK OTHERS!
DONE ENOUGH. YOU'VE ALREADY
Realize
YOU WOULDN'T BE...
ONE OF HIS STAFF, WOULD YOU?

Mutter
THAT'S GOOD!
EH?
MOVE
What
FA
INT
TRRR
TRR

KAGUYA... WHY DON'T YOU PICK IT UP?
SINCE YOU'RE SO CLOSE...
TOO TROU-BLE-SOME.
AH, IT DOESN'T MATTER, I'LL GET IT.
OGIMURA-SAN THE PHONE'S RINGING...
THE PHONE...
TRRRR
TRRR
HELLO
THIS IS THE OFFICE OF OGIMURA
A girl's voice?
Are you awake?
Ah, right! I somehow fainted at KTV...

Ah! Hiro...
Why is Hirokawa Mei here?!
You're so loud.
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?!
WHY AM I TIED UP?!
Crap!
Has Hirokawa also been kidnapped by the Mutsuki imposter?!
ENTER
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU LEAVE.
HE'S AN IMPOSTER!
THEN - HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE!
It's too dangerous!
She said it was an abandoned house.. An abandoned house! Why is there a bed here?
THIS IS AN ABANDONED HOUSE.
TAKANOSE MATSURI IS IN A CRISIS!!

Wait a second!
THE FAKE MUTSUKI!
IS THIS THE OUTCOME?
Huh?
HAH, YOU GUESSED IT
BEFORE IT WAS GOING LIKE NORMAL,
REALLY?
THEN SHE STARTED STARING AT ME SO INTENSELY!
What?

What's happening
?
MATSURI, SHE...
Chairman's daughter?
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
HEY- OGIMURA- SAN,
Who called?
?
?

MATSURI'S
BEEN
KIDNAPPED!

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Matsuri's been kid-napped!
OGI...

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WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HOTSUKI-SAN?!
Collide
Stop
I heard your conversation
WHERE DO YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE GOING?
Hold it — Right there!
Squeak
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THE MUTSUKI IMPOSTER IS!
BUT WE JUST CAN'T WAIT AROUND!
YOU TWO,
OGIMURA-SAN .....
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU ARE FEELING, BUT YOU HAVE TO CALM DOWN
BEFORE WE ACT, WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEIR PHONE CALL AND LISTEN TO THEIR DEMANDS.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER'S KIDNAPPING IS OUR FAULT!
CALM DOWN? HOW CAN WE?
WE DON'T KNOW WHO WE'RE UP AGAINST
INDEED. HE'S EVEN TRYING TO MAKE FUN OF US!
Ah ha ha ha ha ha ha
Oh ho ho ho ho ho ho
BUT TO BE HONEST, THAT PUNK'S GOT GUTS ABDUCTING SUCH A GENTLE, LOVABLE GIRL!
EVIL ATMOSPHERE
EVIL ATMOSPHERE
PaLuSa
YEAH...~
TAKE TAKEMASA, YOU CALM... YET?

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HIROKAWA IS AN ACCOMPLICE
HOW COULD IT BE?
ISN'T HE JUST A FAKE TRYING TO PICK UP GIRLS?
WHY DID HE BRING ME HERE?
COULD IT BE THAT,
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

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EH HEH
I just want to see the real Mutsuki!
I HAVE TO SEE HIM, NO MATTER WHAT!
BECAUSE, I'M MUTSUKI'S BIGGEST FAN!
HUH?
EH?
YOU'RE LYING!
BUT, SWAPPING YOU INSTEAD SEEMS A BIT MORE CONVENIENT!
YOU'RE NOT MUTSUKI'S FAN AT ALL, ARE YOU?
THAT'S WHY I GOT MY BOYFRIEND TO MAKE TROUBLE BY BEING HIS IMPOSTER,
WAITED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY UNTIL SOMEONE KNEW HE WAS A FAKE,
AND THEN WE'D SWAP DEMANDS SO I COULD MEET HIM.

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REAL FANS COULD NEVER DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD DESTROY THEIR IMAGE OF MUTSUKI.
WHO KNEW YOU HAD FIGURED IT OUT!
I'M REALLY NOT HIS FAN.
Fine. Whatever
BUT THE PART ABOUT WANTING TO MEET HIM IS TRUE.
?
WHY?
LET ME ASK YOU,
DOES MUTSUKI REALLY EXIST?
EH?
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD THAT EVEN THOUGH HE'S SO FAMOUS, HE NEVER MAKES PUBLIC APPEARANCES?
THEY'RE NOT DOING THIS BECAUSE THEY THINK IT'S STRANGE!
AND WITH TECHNOLOGY BEING SO ADVANCED NOWADAYS, CAN YOU BLAME PEOPLE FOR BEING SUSPICIOUS?
WHAT WILL THEY DO AFTER MEETING MUTSUKI?
WHO IS THIS PERSON?

I CAN'T EVEN FATHOM IT!
EVEN THOUGH WE WANT TO SEE MUTSUKI
BUT IF IT TURNS OUT THAT HE DOESN'T EXIST, IT'LL NOT ONLY BE HEADLINE NEWS, IN FACT, FOR US, IT'S ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!
HOWEVER!
I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS!
WE'RE NOT GOING TO VERIFY WHETHER MUTSUKI'S REAL OR NOT FIRST?
EVEN IF WE DON'T, WE'LL KNOW ENOUGH
MEI, IT'S ABOUT TIME TO FORCE THAT GUY OUT...
PLEASE WATCH HER WHILE I'M GONE!
ANDOU
WATANUKI

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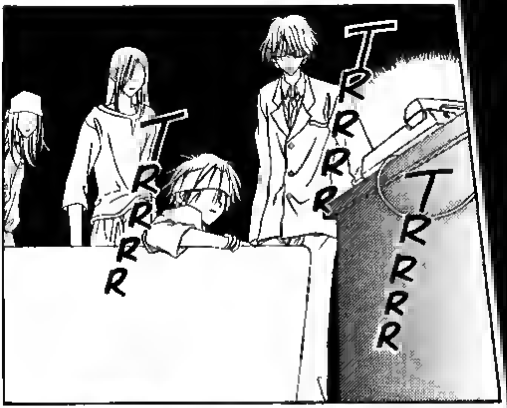

BE CAREFUL

061 OGIMURA-SAN IS SO TERRIFYING!
He's going to crush the phone
YOU HARM ONE HAIR ON HER AND I WILL HUNT YOU DOWN
HA HA HA HA
Smile
Quick Quick Quick
AH HA HA HA
YOU ARE GREATLY INCONVENIENCING US AT THIS TIME
WHAT'S THIS GUY'S PROBLEM?
AHAHAHAH
Quick Quick Quick
SMILE
YOU... LISTEN UP, MY DEMAND IS TO MEET MUTSUKI!
THAT'S ALL!
WE'LL MEET AT THE ONO BUS STOP BEHIND THE ABANDONED BUILDING AT 4 O'CLOCK.
TELL MUTSUKI! HE COMES ALONE! BY HIMSELF, YOU HEAR THAT?
ALRIGHT.
COME ON OUT, MUTSUKI!
Rustle
Huh?
Take off
OH YEAH, AND DON'T CALL THE POLICE!
GGD!

I'M GOING!
DETERMINED
Hey hey!
I'M THE ONE GOING!
WAIT. IT'S VERY DANGEROUS!
RELAX. I'M SUPER-HUMAN!
BUT...
Smile
OGIMURA-SAN, DON'T WORRY!
I'LL BACK HIM UP!
REALLY?
THAT HURTS!
Drops issue
LISTEN UP, YOU TWO, DON'T BE CARELESS!

WHO KNEW THE GREAT IDOL MUTSUKI WOULD BE SO PUNCTUAL. HOW ADMIRABLE!
HELLO, NICE TO MEET YOU... — WHAT ELSE SHOULD I DO I HAVE TO SAY TO YOU?
I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET,
RIGHT?
YOU—
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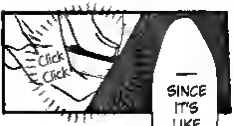
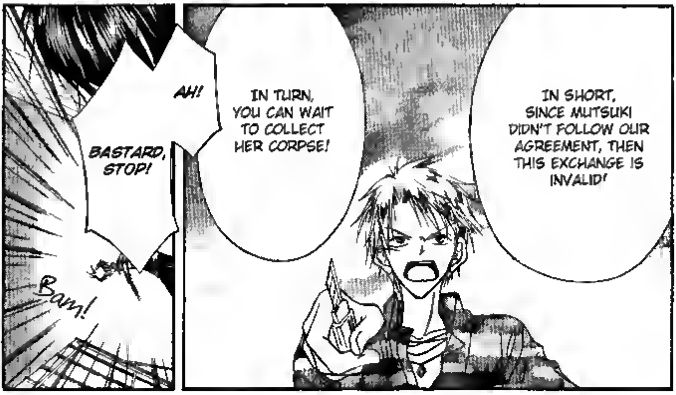


—SINCE IT'S LIKE THIS...


AH!
BASTARD, STOP!
Bam!
IN TURN, YOU CAN WAIT TO COLLECT HER CORPSE!
IN SHORT, SINCE MUTSUKI DIDN'T FOLLOW OUR AGREEMENT, THEN THIS EXCHANGE IS INVALID!

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Bam!
Kaguya!
WE'RE CHASING HIM, LET'S GO!
TAKE-MASA!
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT MOTORCYCLE?
IT'S MY BROTH-ER'S.

*Note to readers: Ono-machi is now known as Sungo-ono as a result of a multi-town merge in the Ono district in 2005, which occurred after this manga was written.

SO, ANY IDEAS ON THE SUSPECT?
NOPE!
BUT THE WAY HE SPOKE, IT SOUNDED LIKE WE'D MET BEFORE.
THIS DIRECTION... IS TO ONO-MACHI*?
THERE'S A LOT OF ABANDONED HOUSES HERE, SO THEY SHOULD BE IN ONE OF THOSE.
Hohoo
AH!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, THAT BASTARD!
What?
I SEE...
MMRGH!
HE CALLED MUTSUKI A COWARD!
Pisses me off!
THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE HIM SAY IT AGAIN.
There's a shortcut here!
Shhh

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IT'S THE SAME SONG THE FAKE MUTSUKI SANG AT THE KTV—

I'M REALLY USELESS—

I'VE ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO MAKE THEM WORRY, AND TO ALSO TRY MY BEST TO PROTECT MUTSUKI

AND ALL I'VE DONE IS THINK, AND THINK NOTHING MORE

THIS IS TURNING OUT OPPOSITE OF WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE—

WHO IS THAT? THOUGH HE SOUNDS FAMILIAR
AH!
IS - IS THAT SO!
IT'S SUOU SHIN'S NEWEST SONG!
Glares
Where's Mutsuki?
He didn't show so we're going to have to threaten them more for next time.
IS THIS THE FAKE MUTSUKI'S TRUE APPEARANCE?
EH?
I THINK I'VE SEEN HIM FROM SOMEWHERE...
Maybe
Snap
Open
WHO?
HEY, MEI! YOU'RE SO LOUD!
YOU'RE BACK?
You don't even know about that?!
He is Suou Shin!
ANGER
SOR-
SORRY
AH!
Surprise

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I REMEMBER SUOU SHIN DEBUTED AT THE SAME TIME AS MUTSUKI
I REMEMBER!
THE MAGAZINE OFTEN USED THE PHRASE "THE TWO SUPER NEWCOMERS!", AND HE WAS ALWAYS COMPARED WITH MUTSUKI!!
SUOU SHIN
MUTSUKI
BUT, WASN'T THAT THE ONLY TIME I'VE SEEN HIM?
I'VE THOUGHT MUTSUKI WAS HARD TO LOOK AT SINCE THE BEGINNING!
WHO SAYS THAT SUOU IS SECOND-RATE TO MUTSUKI?
RIGHT! JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME ANGRY!
You looking down on Shin?
IT'S JUST BECAUSE OF HIS CONNECTIONS THAT'S GOT HIM SO MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE MEDIA!
WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, WHEN HE DOESN'T EVEN MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCES?!
Ah, what?
WAIT A SECOND!
IT'S ONLY SO HE CAN ADVERTISE HIMSELF THAT HE SINGS THE SAME KIND OF SONGS!
HE DEPENDS ON THIS LOW METHOD TO GRANT HIMSELF FAME!

The B-type who only pays attention to things she likes.

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TO US, MUTSUKI IS JUST AN EYESORE!
WAIT A SECOND! YOU'RE JUST TAKING YOUR ANGER OUT ON HIM!
IT'D BE BETTER WITHOUT MUTSUKI!
SINCE I WAS LITTLE, MY DREAM WAS TO MAKE IT INTO SHOW BUSINESS
BUT IF MY NEXT SONG IS RANKED LOWER THAN HIS, MY COMPANY WILL FIRE ME!
AND THAT SOMEONE WHO NEVER PERFORMS LIVE AND SINGS WEAK, HALF-BAKED SONGS, IS ABOUT TO RUIN MY DREAM!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
GRIP
I WANT TO SEE MUTSUKI SIGN THIS CONTRACT!
THAT'S WHY I WANT MUTSUKI'S SHOW BUSINESS CAREER TO DISAPPEAR!

So we can achieve our dreams together!
WHOA!
RUN
THAT'S WHY I'M WITH THOSE TWO—
Clutch
So I won't be a burden to him!
THAT'S WHY I'M WITH MUTSUKI!
GRIP
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MUTSUKI!
PLEASE DON'T ASSOCIATE HIM WITH YOUR KIND, WHO CHEAT TO DESTROY THEIR RIVALS!
GRIP
YOU CAN'T EVEN COMPETE WITH HIS DREAM!
YES!
SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT,
IN THE END YOU'RE JUST A HOSTAGE, FORCING MUTSUKI TO WITHDRAW FROM SHOW BUSINESS
IT'S MY FAULT—
I WON'T LET YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

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WHAT?
WHAT?
Mutsuki!
IT'S WATANUKI AND ANDOU!
AND HIS STAFF MEMBER!
IS THERE A REASON WHY THEY'RE EXPLOSING THEMSELVES LIKE THIS IN PUBLIC?
WAIT, WHY IS IT LIKE THIS? WHY IS WATANUKI APPEARING AS MUTSUKI?
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In the end, the imposter Mutsuki case was solved.

After that, there were also no more incidents of people seeing Mutsuki on the streets.

Afterwards.
Whoa!
ISN'T THAT GUY THE FAKE MUTSUKI —?
The magazine published it!
Ah
Chuckle
Chuckle
DID YOU TAKE THAT PICTURE, CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER?
DID YOU SELL IT TO HAKKE MAGAZINE?
NO WAY!
HOW COULD I DO THAT?!
I JUST WANTED TO CORRECT EVERYONE'S...
IMPRESSION OF MUTSUKI!
Ah
Ah
HEY, HEY,
SO IN THE END, WHO WAS THIS GUY?
Eh?
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A person who knows just by looking
THE PERSON YOU BEAT...
AND FOR YOU TO FIGHT SOMEONE YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW, KAGUYA—
Sigh...
EHH
You - You don't know?!
DON'T KNOW WHAT?
Ah
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
Gra-a-ab
IS THAT WHY YOU WENT ALL OUT?
THAT GUY WAS THE FAKE AND THE KIDNAPPER, AND KNOWING THAT WAS ENOUGH TO POUND HIM EXTRA!
Gra-a-ab
STILL THE SAME!
Ack!
OUR ALLIANCE CONTINUES!
CHAIR-MAN'S DAUGHTER — WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING AT?!
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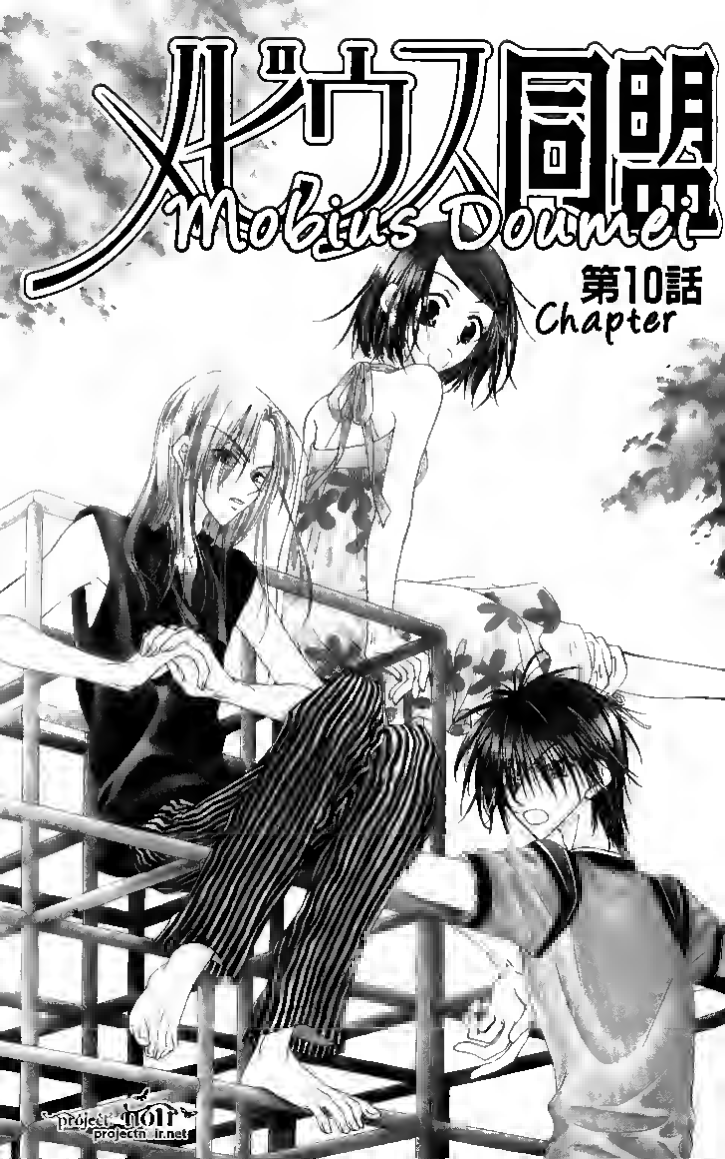

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BECAUSE OF THE CHAIRMAN, THE RULES AT THE FAMOUS TAKENOSE PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL ARE EXTREMELY STRICT. THE CHAIRMAN IS RENOWNED FOR HER AUSTERE PERSONALITY, AND FOR HER HATRED OF SHOW BUSINESS.
Break the rules, and face expulsion!
PERHAPS IT'S BECAUSE MY MOTHER'S IMAGE HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO ME, OR IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE AFRAID THAT I'LL REPORT THEM THAT
ALL THE STUDENTS FEAR, YET REVERE ME
THE DAUGHTER OF THIS AFOREMENTIONED CHAIRMAN IS I, TAKANOSE MATSURI, NICKNAMED "THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER."
SASH: SUBSTITUTE FUTURE CHAIRMAN

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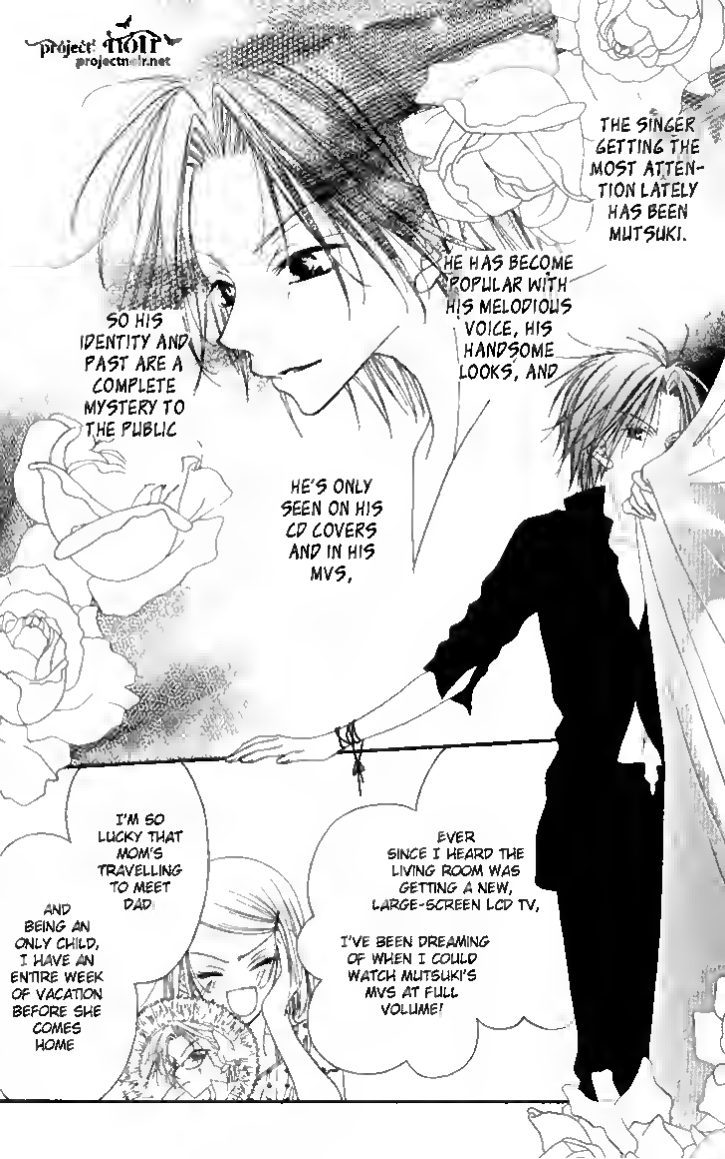
THE SINGER GETTING THE MOST ATTENTION LATELY HAS BEEN MUTSUKI.
HE HAS BECOME POPULAR WITH HIS MELODIOUS VOICE, HIS HANDSOME LOOKS, AND
SO HIS IDENTITY AND PAST ARE A COMPLETE MYSTERY TO THE PUBLIC
HE'S ONLY SEEN ON HIS CD COVERS AND IN HIS MVS,
I'M SO LUCKY THAT MOM'S TRAVELLING TO MEET DAD!
AND BEING AN ONLY CHILD, I HAVE AN ENTIRE WEEK OF VACATION BEFORE SHE COMES HOME
EVER SINCE I HEARD THE LIVING ROOM WAS GETTING A NEW, LARGE-SCREEN LCD TV,
I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF WHEN I COULD WATCH MUTSUKI'S MVS AT FULL VOLUME!

Door opens.
This year's summer vacation is the best!
I can finally admire Mutsuki as much as I want!
Panic
EH? NO WAY?!
THEY'RE BACK...?
Pfft
Panic
Sorry for intruding
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TRYING TO HIDE THE TV?
It's so obvious!
WA -
WATANUKI!! ANDOU!
YOU SCARED ME TO DEATH!
THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW MY SECRET.
ACTUALLY...
IT WAS ON PURPOSE!
TSK, TSK!
Watanuki Kaguya
Andou Takemasa

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MUTSUKI IS...

THOSE TWO ARE MUTSUKI!

WATANUKI'S APPEARANCE,

AND ANDOU'S VOICE

TOGETHER, THEY UNITE INTO ONE BEING.

IT'S WEIRD NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,

BUT WHY WERE YOU WATCHING THESE TAPES IN THE LIVING ROOM?

You usually hide in your room

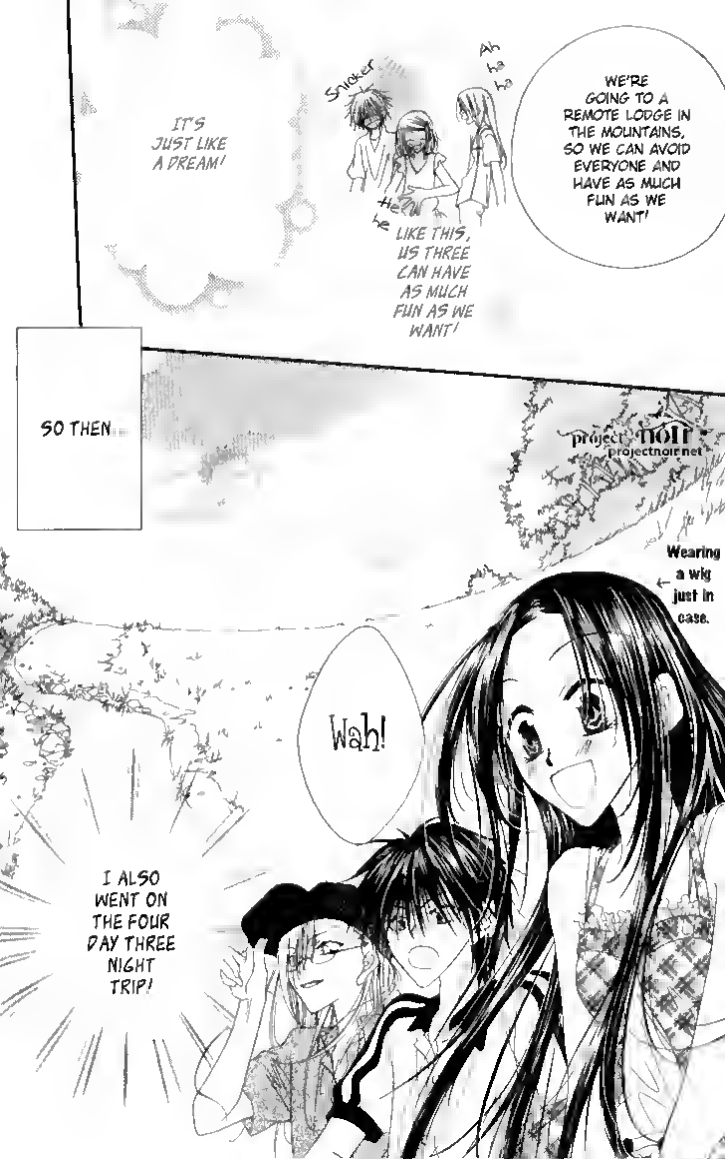
IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR RESPECTIVE SECRETS,

WE FORMED AN "ALLIANCE".

AND IN ORDER TO PROTECT THIS "ALLIANCE", WE'VE BEEN GUARDING OUR FRIENDSHIP AS WELL

THOUGH I KNOW MUTSUKI DOESN'T REALLY EXIST, I STILL LOVE HIM

SO,
THAT'S GREAT!
WHAT'S GREAT?
Huh?
ACTUALLY, WE'RE GOING ON A FOUR-DAY, THREE-NIGHT TRIP TOMORROW, AND WE WANTED THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER TO COME WITH US
ON A TRIP...?
SUR-ROUNDING THE REAL MUTSUKI
WE HAVE TO TAKE THE COVER OF MUTSUKI'S NEW SINGLE
NOT ONLY WILL YOU GET TO SEE THE REAL MUTSUKI AS MUCH AS YOU WANT,
YOU'LL ALSO GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE A PROFES-SIONAL PHOTOG-RAPHER AT WORK.
A PROFES-SIONAL PHO-TOGRAPHER,


WE'RE GOING TO A REMOTE LODGE IN THE MOUNTAINS, SO WE CAN AVOID EVERYONE AND HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS WE WANT!
Ah ha ha
Snicker
Heehee
IT'S JUST LIKE A DREAM!
LIKE THIS, US THREE CAN HAVE AS MUCH FUN AS WE WANT!
SO THEN...
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Wearing a wig just in case.
Wah!
I ALSO WENT ON THE FOUR DAY THREE NIGHT TRIP!

THE VAST, CLOUDLESS SKY,
TO COME TO THIS PLACE TOGETHER AND MAKE MEMORIES, IT'S INCREDIBLE!
AND FLOWING CREEKS
CICADAS CHIRPING,
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AWESOME! LET'S GO!
WANT TO TAKE OFF THE WIG? You're not scared, are you?
SURE.
YOU SERIOUS? THANKS, OGIMURA-SAN!
I'LL LET YOU REST FOR ONE DAY, SO GO HAVE FUN!
Mutsuki's manager, Ogimura-san.
Eager
Eager
CAREFUL NOT TO DAMAGE THE FACE!
EH?
Alert
Kaguya-kun?!

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KAGUYA'S TWO SCHOOL FRIENDS

Suzuki Tarou
Yamada Ichirou
YO— IT REALLY IS KAGUYA-KUN!
WHO KNEW WE'D RUN INTO YOU HERE, WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
NO WAY?!
NO way
LISTEN TO ME! Hey!
IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE YAMADA! EVEN IF THEY'RE RANDOMLY CHOSEN NAMES, I COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE!
Crying with emotion
DO YOU SEE IT, SUZUKI? SINCE OUR APPEAR-ANCE IN THE FIRST CHAPTER WE FINALLY HAVE NAMES NOW!

*Note to readers: 30 000 yen = around $320 US

WE WANT TO BUY THE THE DREAM STATION THAT'S COMING OUT NEXT WEEK!
Dream Station 30,000 yen*
BUT IT'D BE BAD IF THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER OR THE CHAIRMAN KNEW THAT WE WERE WORKING!
AND SO! WE'RE GOING TO CATCH SUPER-HUGE RHINO BEETLES AS A SOLUTION!
Get it? Super-huge rhino beetles can fetch a high price!
WE'RE HERE TO CATCH SUPER-HUGE RHINO BEETLES!
Don't be shocked!
This path is our clue. We've heard that you can catch them here.
WE HEARD YOU, YOU ASKED US WHAT WE'RE DOING, RIGHT?
At least let us savor this emotional moment!
With this butterfly net and box, we're gonna to collect every single one of them!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
What are you doing here?
AND LIVING IN THIS TENT CUTS COSTS!
With still enough to enjoy the outdoor life it's a total bargain!
THERE'S NO "JUST IN CASE", YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN FOUND OUT! YOU COMPLETE IDIOTS!
WE ARE TRULY GENIUSES!
AND JUST IN CASE WE'RE CAUGHT WORKING, WE CAN USE CAMPING AS AN EXCUSE!

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THOUGH YOU SAY TO BE COOL AND CONFIDENT TO THEM
CASTING US OFF IS ONE THING, BUT WHO DID YOU BRING ALONG?
EH?
INTRODUCE US IMMEDIATELY!

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Charming smile.

Ahaha

I'M NOT SURE WHO YOU'VE MISTAKEN ME FOR, BUT,

NICE TO MEET YOU TWO.

Shojl

Friendly attitude.

KA - KAGUYA-KUN!

WHY ARE YOU WITH ANDOU IN THIS KIND OF PLACE?!

THAT GUY'S SCARY!

I AM "ENDOU"

I AM KAGUYA'S TUTOR.

The Andou Takemasa everyone knows at school.

Silent.

Unsociable.

Always alone.

BE...BE COOL AND CONFIDENT, AND IT'S OVER LIKE THAT?!

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Confirmed to be a stranger.

Peaceful

Just like Andou!

WE'RE INDEBTED TO YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF STUPID KAGUYA-KUN

SO...

SO IT'S LIKE THAT! NICE TO MEET YOU!

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WE...

O-OKAY! THEN THEN I'LL ALSO TRY!

HE... HELLO,

I'M "MARI".

UM—

UM—

I'M A PAST SCHOOL FRIEND OF WATANUKI'S.

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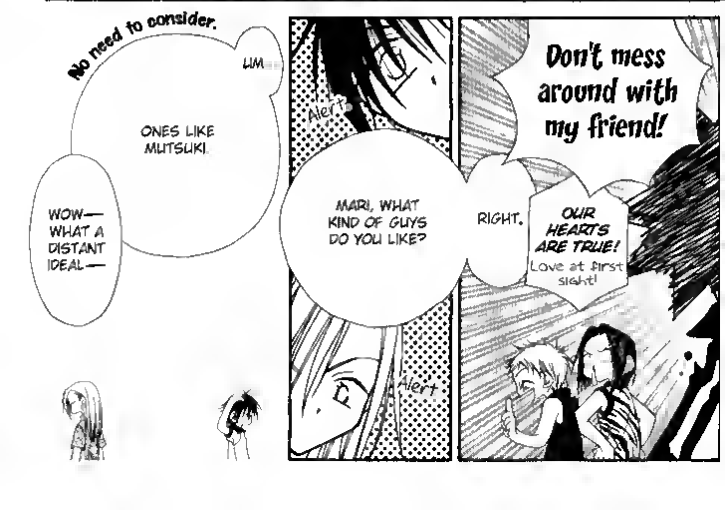

Do you like flowers?
YE... YEAH
We actually discovered a really great place yesterday!
Alright!
EH?
SFX GRAB!
I WANTED TO HAVE FUN WITH WATANUKI AND ANDOU——...
I...
I'M BACK.
WAIT!
I
ACTUALLY, I——
We'll take you there!
WHAT?!
RUN

THE SUN'S ALREADY SET
YOU LOOK EXHAUSTED
Slumped...
IT WASN'T EASY FOR THE STAFF TO LET THEM HAVE A DAY OFF, AND I THOUGHT THAT WE'D MAKE FUN, BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES TODAY. BUT IN THE END, I WAS DISAPPOINTED.
BUT, THERE WASN'T A CHANCE TO BE WITH THEM ——
I REALLY HOPED TO HAVE FUN, JUST THE THREE OF US——
CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER,
US THREE?
YEAH! LET'S GO!
SFX: EXCITED
WE WERE ACTUALLY WAITING FOR YOU SO WE COULD LIGHT FIREWORKS TOGETHER.
SFX: SOUND OF RAIN POURING
What violent rain...
IT'S RAINING.
—AH,
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS?
THE UNLUCKIEST ARE
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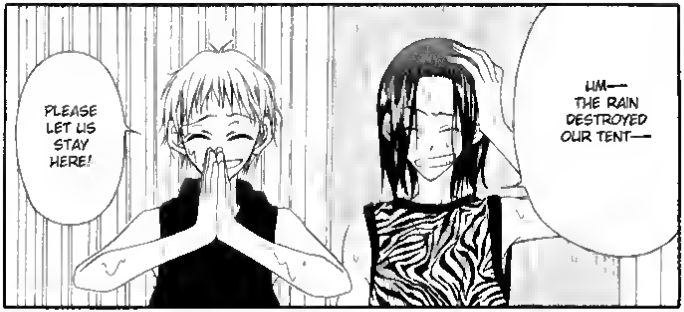

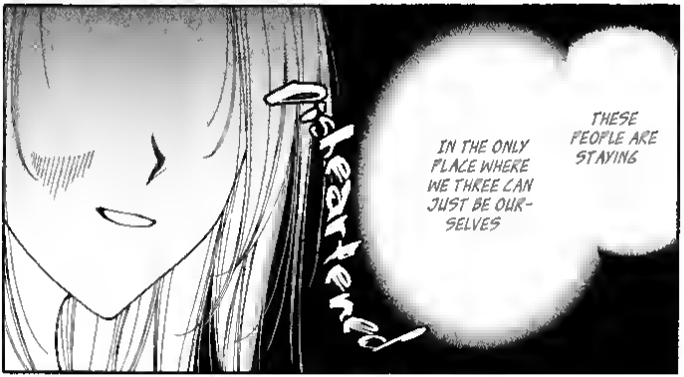

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SFX BUOHHHHH~~
LET'S GO CATCH FISH!
Drag
Drag
EH? THAT
WHAT THE HELL, THOSE TWO!
WEREN'T THEY SUPPOSED TO BE CATCHING BEETLES?
EVEN IF THEY MIS-UNDERSTAND, WE NEED THOSE TWO TO LEAVE
HOW TROUBLE-SOME.
IF THOSE TWO ARE HERE, THERE'S NO WAY MUTSUKI CAN WORK!

WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE
Uwah!
TAKEMASA! OGIMURA-SAN!
WHEN'D YOU TWO GET HERE?!
Sha----------ck
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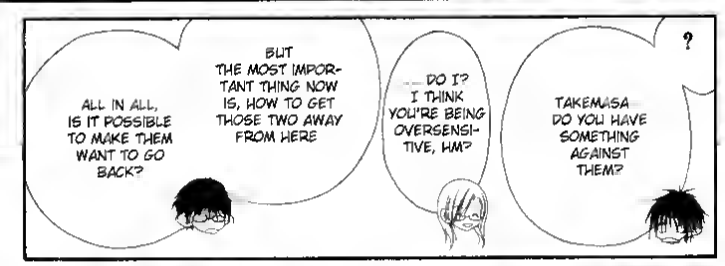
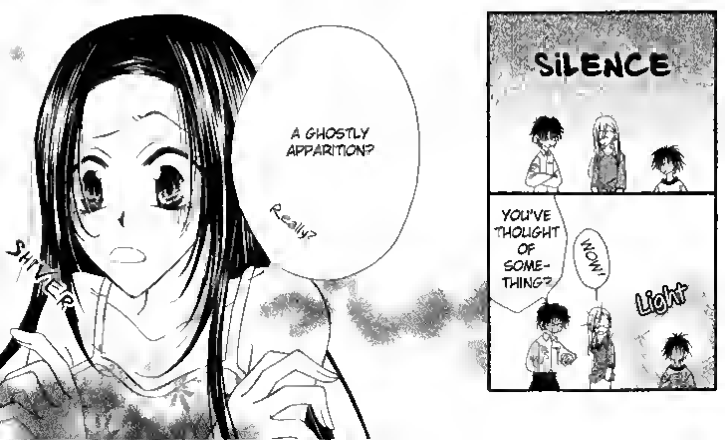

ALL IN ALL, IS IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE THEM WANT TO GO BACK?
BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NOW IS, HOW TO GET THOSE TWO AWAY FROM HERE
... DO I? I THINK YOU'RE BEING OVERSENSITIVE, HM?
TAKEMASA DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST THEM?
?


A GHOSTLY APPARITION?
Really?
SHIVER
SILENCE
YOU'VE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING?
WOW!
Light

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HM — HM
LYING TO THOSE TWO, WHO HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG—
BUT THAT'S MAKE-BELIEVE!
YOU WANT TO TRICK THEM?
JUST LET ME EXPLAIN!
SFX: SNEAK SNEAK
IT'LL INCONVENIENCE THE STAFF HERE, AND IT'LL DEFINITELY WASTE A LOT OF MONEY!
BUT IF THIS GOES ON, MUTSUKI CAN'T WORK
There is no cure for this star-pursuing attitude.
EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR US THREE TO HAVE FUN TOGETHER, AT LEAST I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE MUTSUKI!
UM IT'S SAID THAT THE STORY'S REAL
Eh?
GHOST STORY?
No Matter!
WHAT? WHAT? WHAT KIND OF GHOST STORY? I WANT TO HEAR IT—!
SUZUKI, YAMADA, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
"THE PLAN OF ACTION IF IS AS FOLLOWS "
Right— Right— It has such a summer-like feeling
ME TOO!

"FIRST, THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER WILL TELL THEM A GHOST STORY TO SCARE THEM."
AROUND FIFTY YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN WHO SOUGHT SHELTER IN THIS HOUSE.
HOWEVER, HE WAS MYSTERIOUSLY KILLED IN THE FOREST NEARBY
BECAUSE THE MURDERER HAD NOT BEEN CAUGHT, PERHAPS THAT YOUNG MAN IS STILL SEARCHING FOR HIM TODAY?
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT A GHOSTLY BOY, ALL DRESSED IN WHITE, WILL OCCASIONALLY APPEAR IN THIS FOREST.
AND WHEN YOU TRY TO TAKE PICTURES, FOR SOME REASON, THE CAMERA'S SHUTTER WON'T RELEASE...
NO WAY? REALLY —?
HOW VIOLENT —!
—EH?
THEN, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEIR FEAR BEFORE THEY CALM DOWN,

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GO WITH THEM TO TAKE PHOTOS OF GHOSTS!!
LET'S INVESTIGATE! GO, GO!
AGREED! DID YOU BRING THE CAMERA, MARI? LET'S GO TAKE PICTURES!
STRANGE?
IT'S GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN?
MARI!
THIS WAY, THIS WAY!
Hurry—
KAGUYA
DON'T YOU THINK PLANNING THIS OUT IS A BIT MUCH?
NO WAY! IT'S ALMOST TIME TO GO ON STAGE!
THEN
THEN ... I'M TAKING THE PICTURE!
"WHEN YOU'RE TAKING PICTURES IN THE FOREST, PRETEND THE SHUTTER DOESN'T WORK."
STRANGE...?
WHAT?
SHU... SHUTTER...

WHAT, ISN'T IT FINE?
Snap
ERM...
THAT'S BECAUSE I WAS LYING.
OF COURSE IT'S FINE!
LEMME SEE
Ah!
SNATCH
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DOESN'T MATTER.
THIS TIME KAGUYA-SAMA WILL...
SEND THEM TO THE ABYSS OF TERROR!
FU FU FU FU
KAGUYA, THE PLAN WITH TAKING PICTURES OF GHOSTS FAILED.
THEY'RE NOT SCARED AT ALL.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...
Sneak
Sneak
YEAH YEAH
GOTTA START, TAKEMASA!
ARE YOU...

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WHAT? TRYING TO SCARE US?
Although it's true, the reason is different
YOU'RE STUPID!
WE'RE NOT AFRAID OF GHOSTS!
Bwa ha ha ha
REALLY?
GEEZ!
WE'RE ALREADY IN THIS REMOTE PLACE, SO WHY THE HELL DO WE STILL HAVE TO HIDE?
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I ALSO NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER.
EHH?!
WH - WHY?
WHO'S THE ONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HIS FRIENDS' WEAKNESSES, AND THOUGHT OF SUCH A ROTTEN PLAN?
IT'S MY FAULT?!
I really didn't know!
SHOULDN'T YOU BE EXHAUSTED FROM THEIR CLINGING?
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SINCE HEY COULDN'T BE SCARED AWAY, THEN YOU DON'T GET TO SEE MUTSUKI, RIGHT?
ER, THAT'S
THAT'S KIND OF ANNOYING TOO
BESIDES, THOSE TWO DIDN'T KNOW WHO I AM, SO YOU TWO DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
WHY DOES WATANUKI HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO ME?!
WHY -
USUALLY AT SCHOOL THEY DON'T DARE COME NEAR YOU
That was for the better!
Eeeee
Avoid
Avoid
Relationship before

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I'D NEVER THOUGHT THE COUNTRYSIDE WOULD GIVE SUCH A DIFFERENT, FRESH ATMOSPHERE
WAAAAH— IT'S MUTSUKI!
THE RUSTLING SWAYS OF THE FOREST,
AND THE HUMS OF TINY INSECTS,
COMPLEMENT MUTSUKI'S RHYTHM IN PERFECT HARMONY—
HEY,
DID YOU JUST HEAR MUTSUKI'S VOICE JUST NOW?
CRAC
TLE
WHAT?
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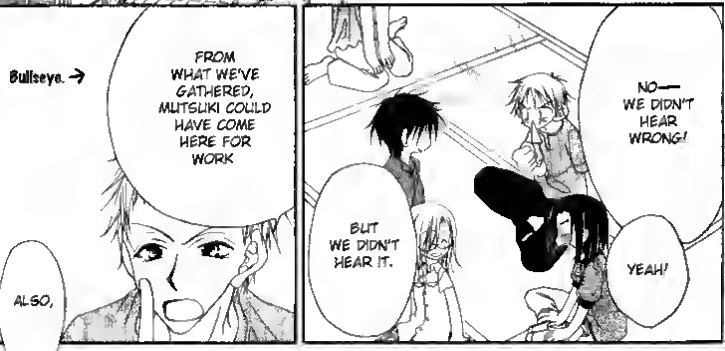
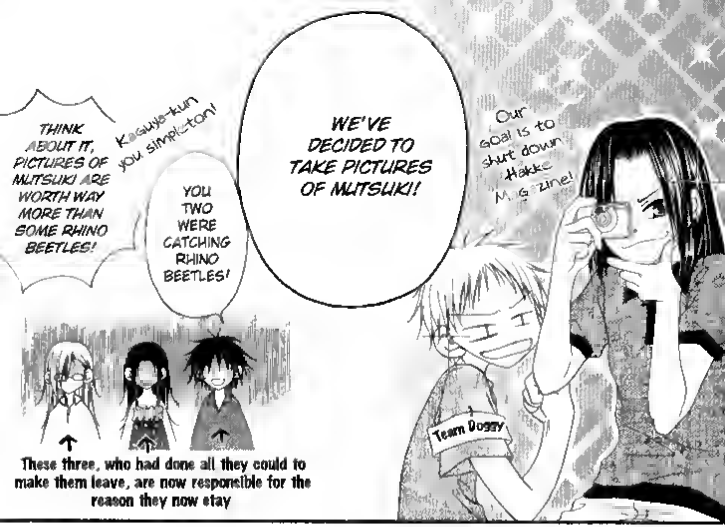
WHY DID THOSE TWO COME TO THIS SORT OF PLACE——?
THE REAL ONE?
OH——
WE HAVE TO GO TELL KAGUYA-KUN AND THEM!
Even if it's late!
YEAH, WHERE DID THEY GO?
Can't find them
HIDE
HIDE
HIDE
COULD YOU TWO HAVE BEEN DREAMING?
THINK ABOUT IT. WHY WOULD A SINGER COME TO THIS REMOTE COUN-TRYSIDE?


Bullseye. →
FROM WHAT WE'VE GATHERED, MUTSUKI COULD HAVE COME HERE FOR WORK
ALSO,
NO—— WE DIDN'T HEAR WRONG!
BUT WE DIDN'T HEAR IT.
YEAH!


WE'VE DECIDED TO TAKE PICTURES OF MUTSUKI!
Our goal is to shut down Hakke M.g zine!
Team Doggy
THINK ABOUT IT, PICTURES OF MUTSUKI ARE WORTH WAY MORE THAN SOME RHINO BEETLES!
Kaguya-kun you simpleton!
YOU TWO WERE CATCHING RHINO BEETLES!
These three, who had done all they could to make them leave, are now responsible for the reason they now stay

MARI, WE'LL DEFINITELY LET YOU TO BE ABLE TO SEE MUTSUKI!
UM
ENDOU TOO!
TO BE CLEAR, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH IN OUR STUPID KAGUYA TO TAKE YOU WITH US!

EVEN THOUGH I ALREADY KNOW I WON'T SEE MUTSUKI,

SINCE THEY ALREADY KNOW I LIKE HIM, IT'LL SEEM STRANGE IF I PROTESTED

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It's getting dark...
DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD BE GETTING BACK?
SFX: FAAAAAALLLLLL
おおおお

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THE SKY'S ALREADY COMPLETELY DARK.
WHAT NOW?
AFTER FALLING FROM ABOVE, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET BACK
WHAT NOW?
AND MY CELL-PHONE DOESN'T GET RECEPTION.
WHAT NOW?
WHAT NOW?
HOW DO I GET OUT OF THIS PLACE?
IT'S... IT'S A WOLF?
SCARY! SO THE FOREST IS THIS FRIGHT-ENING AT NIGHT!
IT'S BEEN SAID THAT ABOUT FIFTY YEARS AGO,
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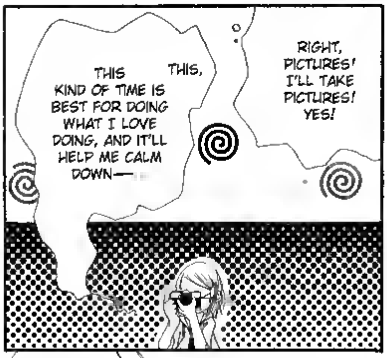
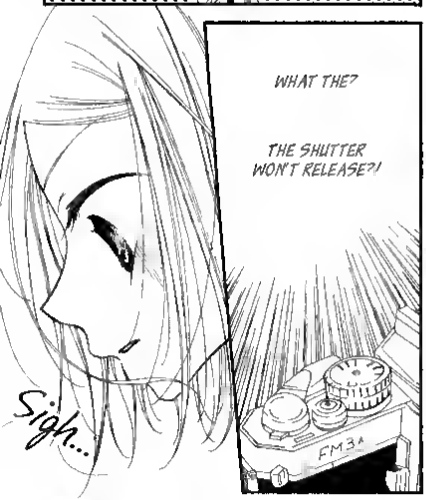
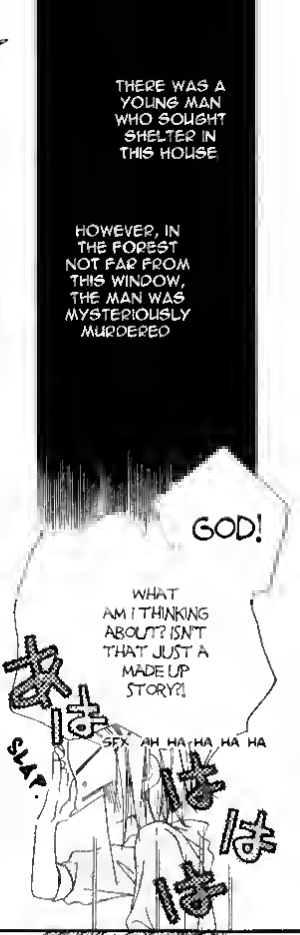

THIS, THIS KIND OF TIME IS BEST FOR DOING WHAT I LOVE DOING, AND IT'LL HELP ME CALM DOWN—
RIGHT, PICTURES! I'LL TAKE PICTURES! YES!


WHAT THE?
THE SHUTTER WON'T RELEASE?!
Sigh...


THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN WHO SOUGHT SHELTER IN THIS HOUSE
HOWEVER, IN THE FOREST NOT FAR FROM THIS WINDOW, THE MAN WAS MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED
GOD!
WHAT AM I THINKING ABOUT? ISN'T THAT JUST A MADE UP STORY?!
SFX: AH HA HA HA HA
SLAP!

SFX: RUSTLE...
?

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Gasha!
BAM
Kya!
PLEASE!
WHAT? WHAT IS THIS?
SFX: TOUCH
SFX: CREEP
MY NECK FEELS HEAVY—
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NOOOOOOOOOOO
SFX: RUN
RUSTLE
SFX: RUN
RUSTLE
SFX: RUN
RUSTLE
SFX: RUN
RUSTLE
SFX: RUN
SFX: DON

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I YELLED REALLY LOUD,
AND THEN MY BACK SUDDENLY FELT HEAVY!
MY BACK —!
THERE WAS A SUDDEN "GASHA" SOUND,
CALM DOWN, CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER!
You're not making any sense!
I JUST SAW THE MAN FROM FIFTY YEARS AGO!
WATA-NUKI! LISTEN TO ME!
WA TA WA TA WA TA -
TAKEMASA —! I'VE FOUND THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER —!
あわ
あわ
SFX TREMBLE TREMBLE
YOUR BACK?
WAAAAH! IT'S COMING AGAIN——!
And it's getting closer!
HEY, ISN'T THIS A RHINO BEETLE?
IT'S HUGE!
YOU FOUND THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER?
Rustle
White clothes.
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WHEN WE HEARD THEM SAY YOU HAD GONE MISSING, WE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
THOSE TWO LOOKED LIKE THEY'D SEEN A GHOST WHEN THEY RAN BACK TO US
BUT— IT'S GOOD YOU'RE OKAY

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TAKEMASA, DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET BACK?
HOW WOULD I KNOW? I WAS JUST TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH YOU WHILE YOU BOLTED AHEAD.
BUT...
EH?
ISN'T THE SITUATION NOW EXACTLY THE SAME AS BEFORE?!
BUT ...?
PRETTY MUCH.
ANYWAY, SINCE WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING BY BEING PESSIMISTIC, WHY DON'T WE TAKE A LOOK AROUND?
ABSO---LUTELY!
WE FOUND A HUGE RHINO BEETLE! IT WAS AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE!
THEN LET'S RACE!
COME ON, CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER!
YOU TWO... AREN'T SCARED?
HOW CAN YOU STILL BE SO HAPPY IN THIS SITUATION?
WHY?
WHY?

SINCE OUR DREAM CAME TRUE AFTER ALL, THE THREE OF US ARE ABLE TO HAVE FUN
SO YOU CAN'T BLAME US FOR BEING SO EXCITED!
THESE TWO
JUST BY BEING WITH THESE THEM,
HOW CAN THEY SAY SUCH SWEET THINGS?
MORE IMPORTANTLY WE ALSO WANT TO HAVE FUN WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S DAUGHTER.
AND THE PEOPLE THAT FOUND YOU WERE US AND NOT THOSE TWO!
THAT'S WHY WE DIDN'T WANT TO SAY IT.
WE WERE AFRAID THAT YOU'D LAUGH AT OUR IMMATURITY IF WE SAID ANYTHING.
BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE!
—ME?
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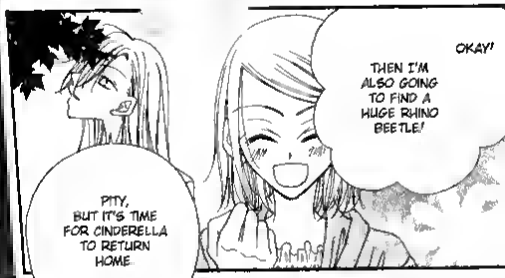
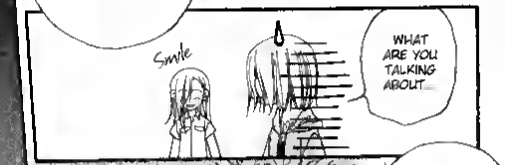
WE HEADED TOWARDS THE MOUNTAIN WHERE THE FIREWORKS WERE BEING REPEATEDLY LET OFF.

IN THE END, WE MANAGED TO RETURN TO OUR LODGE WITHOUT TROUBLE.

WHENEVER MY HEART FEELS HEAVY,

THEY ARE ABLE TO COMFORT ME LIKE THIS





HURRY UP—
FOLLOWING THAT DAY,
EVERYONE REALLY PICKED UP THE PACE FOR MUTSUKI'S PHOTO-SHOOT.
MATSURI, TAKE THOSE OVER THERE—
YES!
NOT EVEN MENTIONING ME NOT HAVING TIME TO HAPPILY ADMIRE MUTSUKI,
IT WAS COMPLETELY HECTIC AS I RAN AROUND DOING ODD JOBS.
KAGUYA, WAIT A MOMENT, AND THEN TURN A LITTLE MORE TO THE RIGHT!
OKAY!
AFTERWARDS, WITHOUT EVEN A CHANCE TO SAY GOODBYE TO THEM, I FOUND MYSELF ALREADY HOME.
TAKEMASA, TIDY UP OVER THERE!
UNDERSTOOD!
AND MY FOUR-DAY, THREE-NIGHT TRIP CAME TO AN END.
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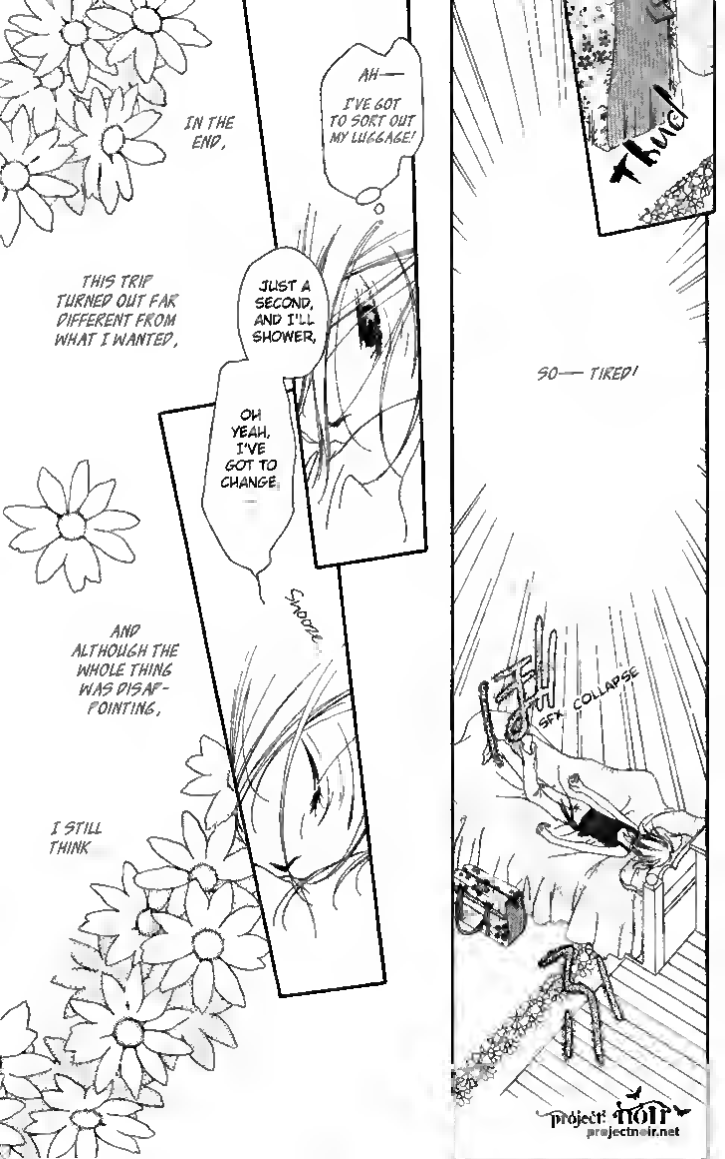
IN THE END,
THIS TRIP TURNED OUT FAR DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I WANTED,
AND ALTHOUGH THE WHOLE THING WAS DISAP-POINTING,
I STILL THINK
AH—
I'VE GOT TO SORT OUT MY LUGGAGE!
JUST A SECOND, AND I'LL SHOWER,
OH YEAH, I'VE GOT TO CHANGE.
SHOOSH
THUD
SO— TIRED!
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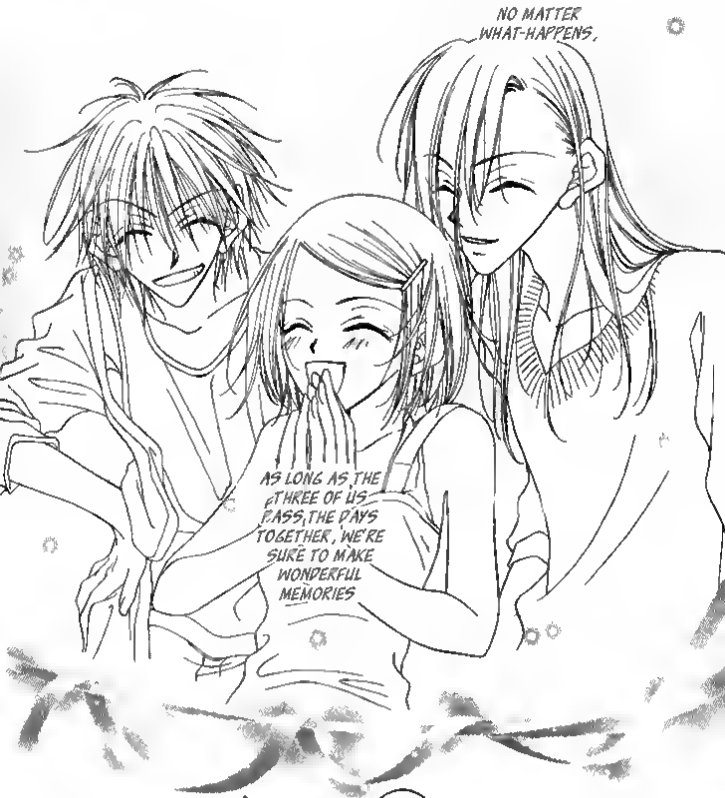

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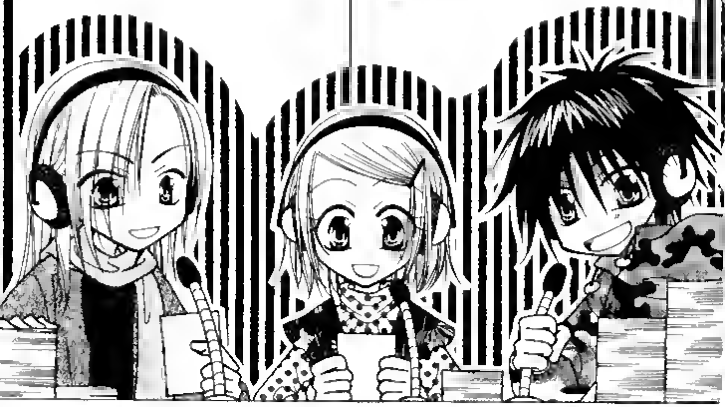
(T): "Lovable Idiot"
(K): What - what d you say---? Excuse me who's the Idiot?! If the author's got guts, then get out here!
(A - the author): (-- No way)
(M): Wata--Watanuki...calm down---! Didn t she add a "lovable" in front of it? That means you're well-liked!
(T): That's right although you re still an "idiot"
(M): An-An-An-Andou!
(K): -- Hmph! The next time I see the author I'll straighten her out!
(M): (What do you mean by "straighten her out")
(K): Ah--- let s stop talking about this! Listening to Mutsuki s song will change the mood--- Okay, Takemasa! Sing a song for us!
(T): Eh? Right here?

Kaguya (known as "K"): Yo! "Secret Channel" is on the air---! Applause!
Takemasa (known as "T") + Matsuri (known as "M"): Clap clap clap!
(M). Now that you mention it, what is this for? How come I've never heard of it?
(T): It seems the editor gave a few empty pages for the author to use, so that's why we three are managing this broadcasting program. (Author's command)
(M) Broadcasting program? Then... what do we have to do?
(K): Don t split hairs over it, chairman's daughter! All we have to is talk about stuff!
(M): I.. I see! Ah then, yes! Don't we have letters that have questions from fans? Um--- "Is Andou right-handed? How come I see him using his right hand but also sometimes using his left hand?"
(T): ---I think I m "left-handed", but I guess I can use both hands?
(K): It must've been that stupid author who forgot about that Geez, is the author really stupid to that extent?
(M) Wata Watanuki! How can you just call people stupid?!
(T): That s right, Kaguya! If you look down on people like that you'll get fewer appearances!
(K): Wh - What? Isn t that abusing authority?
(T): And do you know what the author calls you in the workplace?
(M). -- Ah I've also heard it --
(K): What does she call me?



(M): Um... "Since Kaguya is so stupid, how did he ever manage to get into Takanose School?" Eeeek!

(K): What? Damn it, saying I'm stupid again?! Seriously, just because the story hasn't shown the exam results yet doesn't mean you can automatically think I'm stupid!

(T): Although it's like this in reality, when I was taking the entrance exam, I also had to guess on some of the questions in order to get through.

(K): If the school's rules are really so strict, then why is Takemasa allowed to keep his hair long?

(T): People don't just judge appearances, but on what's inside!

(K): Don't answer so carefreely!

(M): Don't... Don't argue, you two! We're doing a broadcasting program here! Our program has to have more meaning!

(T): ---You're right. Sorry, chairman's daughter.

(K): Alright! Let's take a look at another questions! What?! The program's already over?

(M): What--- it's already over? We haven't even really said anything, have we?

(T): This is really meaningless for the readers---

(K): When's the next time we can do something like this?

(A): (--- Who knows.)

(M): Aaaah! Then, everyone, see you soon!

(T): We hope we'll have a chance to see everyone again!

(K): Geez~ There's really no end to this!

(K): Of course, it's to celebrate our broadcast! Sing a song for the readers!

(M): Please, please, please, you must sing! You must sing!

(T): Very well!

(K): If you please.

(T): ~~~

(M): KYAAAAAAAAAAA!

(K): STOP---! Takemasa, stop singing! Chairman's daughter, you're too loud!

(M): Sor... Sorry! I was just too excited, I didn't realize...

(K): Ah---! Mutsuki will sing until here!

(M): What? What do you mean?

(K): To the readers, all they can hear is the chairman's daughter's high-pitched screaming!

(T): There could be a broadcasting accident...

(M): ---Sniffle

(K): Alright, on to the next letter!

(M): ---... Okay. Um, then our next letter! What mangakas* and seiyuus* does sensei like?"

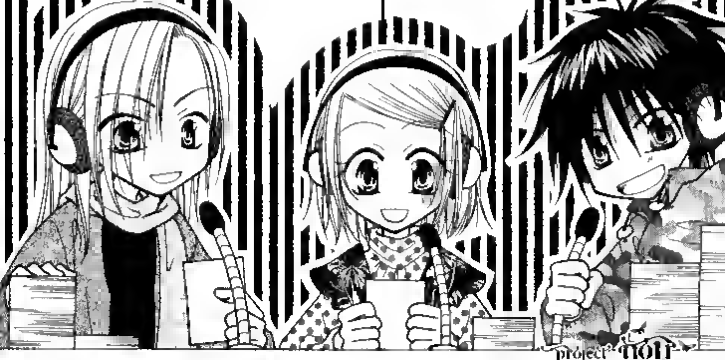
*(*General note: A mangaka is a person who writes manga. A seiyuu a voice actor.)*

(K): This is a question is asking about the author, so it doesn't count!

(T): Kaguya!

(A): (--- How rude!)

(K): Come on, next letter!



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